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ROYAL ASSENT TO MANY BILLS

Various Incorporation Measures Get Through Final Stage

ORDER PAPER THINNED OUT

Justice Mabey of Ontario Declines Railway Commission Chair

Ottawa, March 18.—The deputy governor-general, Chief Justice Fitzpatrick, has given assent to the following bills: Respecting the Canadian Pacific railway, the Macleod, Cardston and Montana railway; Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass railway; Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia railway; Boundary, Kamloops and Cariboo Central railway; Calgary and Fernie railway; Ashcroft, Barkerville and Fort George railway; an act to incorporate the women's auxiliary to the missionary society of the Church of England in Canada; to amend the copyright act; respecting surveys of public lands and surveyors entitled to make such surveys; respecting the widows' and orphans' fund of the Presbyterian church in Canada; to incorporate the Alberta and Brazeau River railway company; respecting the British Yukon railway.

Today was the last Wednesday of the session to be devoted to private members' bills, notwithstanding the fact that there were so many members absent from the house, the house went through forty notices of motion before adjourning, with the result that Mr. Blain's anti-cigarette resolution, which was discussed on Monday and went, according to the rules, to the foot of the notices of motion, being therefore then considered as dead for the session, suddenly came to life again. Mr. Blain was cheerful over this unexpected stroke of good luck, and desired to press the resolution to a vote. Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that the matter was up on Monday night there appeared to be an acute division of opinion, and he thought the matter should be thoroughly considered. This Messrs. Black, of Hants; Gordon, of Kent, and Loggie, proceeded to do, with the result that the discussion was continued until six o'clock, when the house adjourned.

Mr. Blain's resolution is now thought to be finally and irrevocably buried for the session.

W. F. McLean had an opportunity presented of having his two cents a mile railway resolution considered, as well as his reciprocal demurrage bill, but he was absent from the house, and they were passed over in silence.

Justice Mabey, of the High Court of Ontario, has definitely refused to consider the offer of the chairmanship of the board of railway commissioners, in succession to the late Hon. Mr. Killam.

GRAND TRUNK ROAD PUSHING ON RAPIDLY

Another 200 Mile Contract in B. C. to Be Let—Work on Prairies

Montreal, March 18.—An interesting announcement has been made by Wm. Walbridge, vice-president of the Grand Trunk, to the effect that tenders will be immediately invited for the construction of another 200 miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific; connecting with the hundred miles eastward from Prince Rupert, for which the contract has already been let. This step, Mr. Walbridge says, is made possible by the arrangement reached with the British Columbia government. With these two mountain sections in hand, half of the transcontinental road from ocean to ocean will be in process of building.

Regarding Prince Rupert townsite, he stated that two thousand acres would most likely be laid out in lots and ready for sale next September. He further said: "Everybody tells me that the rush for townsites in our terminal city will be far greater than in Vancouver. I am informed by persons who are considered most competent to form an opinion that Prince Rupert will start with a population of 20,000, and I believe that the estimate will not be far wide of the mark. There is considerable activity there now. There are two hotels and a number of places of business, but the sites are only temporary. Nothing will be permanent before September."

Winnipeg, March 18.—Frank W. Morse, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, arrived here this morning. He says tenders have been invited for the new Winnipeg terminal station. Work will be started on the structure as soon as spring opens. The whole should be under roof by fall. It will be of such proportions that all Winnipeg will be proud of it. H. T. through line from Winnipeg to Saskatoon should be in operation within two months after spring opens, and the construction work is being rapidly extended westward.

HAYTI QUIETER

Government Allows Refugees at Consulates to Be Taken From the Country

Port Au Prince, March 18.—Following the decision of the Hayti government to permit the participants in the late insurrection who have been seeking protection in the various consulates to leave the country unmolested, the French cruiser d'Estres is making preparations to take on board all the refugees in the French, German and Spanish consulates at Gonaives, St. Marie and Port Au Paix. The cruiser will take the revolutionists to St. Thomas.

President Nord Alexis has issued instructions in this case to six military officers of whom Major Larague, commander of the crack cavalry corps, is one, now under arrest on suspicion of being implicated in the recent conspiracy, that, if the facts warrant it, they will be taken before a regularly constituted military court for examination.

On Friday next a court martial will decide the case of Major Armand Madou, charged with making an attempt against the security of the state and conspiring to assassinate the president. There were no signs of disturbances throughout the day, the presence of the warships in the harbor allaying the fears of the foreign residents.

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GOVERNMENT AND NANAIMO UNEMPLOYED

Basis Upon Which Work Will Be Supplied Has Been Decided Upon

Nanaimo, March 18.—A decision as to the basis upon which the unemployed at Nanaimo will be given work has been arrived at by Hon. F. J. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works, it is understood. William Manson, formerly of Nanaimo, has recently reported upon conditions there, and the present decision has no doubt been inspired by his report.

The work undertaken is of a special nature and would not have been undertaken for the present but for the purpose of relieving the unemployed. The question had as a consequence to be dealt with as relief work, and upon that ground, statements in the form of statutory declarations were taken from the men, and a specified number of days work has been apportioned to each man according to his need, and taking into consideration the family or relatives dependent upon him, as well as the other features as disclosed by his statement.

Instructions have been forwarded to B. Marshall Bray, government agent at Nanaimo, in detail, showing the number of days' work to be given to each man, and the fact that it is impossible to do, comparatively speaking, how much work these men should be given and what their needs are. Those now on the pay list there will be allowed to make declarations, yet should they desire to do so, and in the event of their doing so, they will be considered on the same basis as those who made statements in the first place.

It is hoped that this will carry the men over their tight place and will include the responsibility of the government in respect to the unemployed situation in the vicinity of Nanaimo.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Montreal, March 18.—Polycarp Cole, of St. Malachi, has been killed by an explosion of dynamite on the Transcontinental railway at St. Malachi.

Iowa For Taft

Des Moines, Ia., March 18.—The Republican State convention today elected delegates at large to the National convention, instructing them to vote for Wm. H. Taft for presidential nominee, for Senator Wm. B. Allison for re-election, and approval of the Ohio platform. The platform adopted affirms allegiance to the principles of the Republican party.

Tunnel Under East River

New York, March 18.—The last of the four tunnels of the Pennsylvania railroad under the East river was completed tonight, when the two shields which for months have approached each other from opposite sides touched out midway under the river, and the tunnel gangs broke down the thin intervening wall of earth and shook hands. The work of lining and concreting the steel tube will be expedited.

Royal Templars of Temperance

Hamilton, Ont., March 18.—The sixteenth biennial convention of the Dominion Council, Royal Templars of Temperance, is being held here. The important matter to be dealt with will be the consideration of insurance rates. With a view to popularizing that branch of the order, it is proposed to create a fund for members who have reached the age of 65 or 70 years. The finances of the order are in good shape.

GUELPH FIRM FAILS

Toronto, March 18.—E. H. Bollert & Co., dry goods merchants, Guelph, have assigned to Henry Barber, with liabilities over \$60,000 and stock and assets valued at \$50,000. The firm has been in business for forty years, and was one of the largest of its kind in western Canada. The failure is attributed to the poor trade of winter and spring.

Victim of a Scoundrel

Kingston, Ont., March 18.—That she was kept a prisoner in a house, is the statement of a 19-year-old English girl who has just found her way to the infants' home with a child of tender age. In her loneliness here she found company with a man who wooed her and finally, under promise of marriage, got her to go to his house. There he kept her. She said he abused her by beating and kicking her. Recently after her baby was born she decided to escape, and succeeded. The man cannot be found, as he fears prosecution. He is married.

Runaway Girls

Calgary, March 18.—P. Digon, a prominent Medicine Hat citizen, arrived in Calgary yesterday in search of his 15-year-old daughter Virginia, who ran away from home on Sunday night last with Mabel Cay, a 16-year-old girl, whose parents also reside in Medicine Hat. The police have made a thorough search for them, having been supplied with a full description and photos of the Digon girl, but they cannot be located. No reason can be given for the girls leaving their homes, and their parents are frantic with anxiety.

GREAT BRITAIN'S MASTERY OF SEA

Completion of Present Programme Will Keep Her Far in Lead

LORD TWEEDMOUTH'S VIEW

Temeraire Superior to Dreadnaught, and St. Vincent Still Better

London, March 18.—Speaking in the House of Lords this evening, Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, defended the policy of the government in refraining temporarily from laying down a large number of battleships, and said that the construction of battleships just now partook largely of the nature of an experiment.

Great Britain's three vessels of the Temeraire type, he declared, were infinitely superior to the Dreadnaught type, and the vessels of St. Vincent type would be an improvement on the Temeraire type.

In the spring of 1911, Great Britain would have three squadrons of four ships of the St. Vincent type. No power in the world would be able to assemble such a fleet of first class battleships, Lord Tweedmouth declared, and he could almost say that a combination of all the powers of the world would not be able to put an equal squadron on the sea.

The Temeraire, first-class battleship, was built at Devonport. She is of 18,600 tons and 23,000 horsepower, indicated. Her speed is to be 21 knots.

PREMIER IMPROVES

Bulletin Issued Yesterday Speaks More Favorably of Sir Henry's Condition

London, March 18.—The bulletin issued today regarding the condition of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British Premier, says that yesterday the patient was more comfortable. The chief symptoms are no worse, and Sir Henry's strength has improved slightly.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS

Committee Finds Deficit Less Than Was Expected—Western Appropriations

Toronto, March 18.—The total expenditure of the Presbyterian home mission committee (western section) for the past year, as reported before the annual meeting held yesterday was \$169,077.

Contributions for the year, including a balance of \$1,908 from the previous year, amounted to \$162,554, which was eighteen or nineteen thousand dollars in advance of the previous year's earnings, leaving a deficit of only a little more than \$6,000, instead, as feared, of between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

The following lump sums were granted to western synods: Manitoba and Saskatchewan, \$65,000; Alberta, \$32,500; British Columbia, \$19,000.

An overflow of the general assembly from the Presbytery of Calgary regarding the work of the church at Banff, and suggesting re-organization with a view to placing it on a more satisfactory basis, was endorsed by the committee.

Gold Fever Runs High

Edmonton, March 18.—Hudson's Bay officials confirm the story of the great gold strike in the Finlay River district. Hundreds of people are gathering here for the spring rush. Stories of fabulous strikes are reported.

Forestry Organization

Toronto, March 18.—A society which intend to unite in one body all interested in the science of forestry through out Canada has been formed. It will meet for the discussion of technical subjects pertaining to the profession and for the maintenance of a high standard of work. It will be known as the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers. Dr. B. E. Fernow of Toronto has been elected president.

PIPE CONTRACT AWARDED

Montreal Firm Gets Contract for Iron Piping For the Waterworks System

The contract for the supply of the cast-iron pipes to be used in the system of distribution for the new waterworks, and which is the first contract to be let under the new bylaw to raise \$619,000 for waterworks purposes, has been awarded. There were a number of tenders which had been referred to the city purchasing agent and the water commissioner for report. These officials reported to the special meeting of the council held last night, recommending that the contract be awarded to the W. Beverley Robinson company, Montreal, whose tender of \$100,187 was the lowest. The amount is \$16,000 less than the estimate made last fall by the water commissioner and the council is pleased at this unlooked for saving on this portion of the plant. The pipe must be delivered by September 1. It will be manufactured in Nottingham, England, under the supervision of an agent of the Canadian Inspection company, who will be appointed to see that the specifications are lived up to. The cost to the city of this inspection will be about \$900.

HARRY ORCHARD

Judge Wood Recommends Commutation of Death Sentence Pronounced Yesterday

Caldwell, Idaho, March 18.—Stating that he believed that Harry Orchard in his testimony in the trials of William D. Haywood and George Pettibone for the murder of Governor Steunenberg told the exact truth, attempting to conceal nothing, Judge Fremont Wood in the district court today recommended that the state board of pardons commute Orchard's sentence of death to imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The sentence of death was pronounced today in accordance with the plea of guilty entered by Orchard on Tuesday of last week, when arraigned. Judge Wood presided at both the Haywood and Pettibone trials.

GREAT STRUCTURE SPANS EAST RIVER

Official Party Takes Promenade on Blackwell's Island Bridge

New York, March 18.—The great structure over East River known as Blackwell's Island bridge, which was constructed at a cost of nearly \$25,000,000 was traversed for its entire length by pedestrians today for the first time.

Alderman Timothy P. Sullivan was the first man to cross the bridge, acting as the personal representative of Mayor McClellan, who was prevented by illness from participating in the event. Alderman Sullivan headed a delegation of city officials and representatives of the various companies who have taken part in the erection of the structure across a narrow foot bridge which has been built on top of the shingle steel girder which now links the New York and Long Island ends of the bridge. This great girder 100 feet in length, and weighing twenty tons, was fitted in place today, and was bolted and fixed in the presence of the official delegation which marched over the river upon it a few minutes later.

Midway on the footbridge Ald. Sullivan broke a bottle of champagne over the rail, and the whistles of scores of river craft tooted a salute in honor.

Work on the bridge was commenced in 1901 and has been carried on constantly since then. There have been many fatalities among the workmen employed on the great aerial highway. When completed, the bridge will be double-decked and 8,849 feet in length. The length of the main span is 1,182 feet between the towers. On the lower deck, projecting beyond the trusses, there will be roadway wide enough for about four three-horse teams to pass abreast. On each side of and apart from this roadway, there will be two trolley tracks.

In the middle of the upper deck, between the trusses, there are to be two elevated railroad tracks, and there will also be two promenades, each eleven feet wide. The six tracks across the bridge are estimated to have a capacity of 150,000,000 passengers a year, under ordinary conditions of traffic.

Plague at Guayaquil

Guayaquil, Ecuador, March 18.—The bubonic plague here is increasing, and the unsanitary condition of this and other towns is causing great alarm. There are 51 cases of the plague in the lazaretto, besides several cases of smallpox and yellow fever.

Died From Blood Poisoning

Toronto, March 18.—James McBride, 22 years old, driver for the Naimism company, is dead from blood poisoning caused by running a needle into his arm. The needle broke off and remained in the arm despite efforts to remove it. McBride was taken to the hospital, but too late, blood poisoning having developed.

Train Wreckers at Work

London, Ont., March 18.—The police are trying to discover the identity of the person or persons responsible for two attempts to wreck the fast east-bound C. P. R. express No. 4, which goes through at 4 o'clock in the morning. In the first a chain was tied across the track, and in the second a large iron bar. The chain skidded before the wheels, and the bar was knocked off the track by a slow freight.

Cigar Manufacturers Object

Montreal, March 18.—Local cigar manufacturers are not pleased with the changes made in the excise duty on cigars, as announced in the budget. It leaves us in the position of not knowing what we are up against," said one of them last night, after having read Mr. Fielding's proposition. "Mr. Fielding desires to foster the use of Canadian tobacco in cigars. We do not object to that, but we do object to the manner in which this is done."

DEADLOCK OVER LAWS FOR LABOR

American Federation Unable to Endorse Civic Federation Plan

WOULD STICK TO BOYCOTT

Labor Conference to Protest Against Inaction of Congress

Washington, March 18.—Details of the conference held yesterday between Seth Low of New York, president of the Civic Federation, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, which are slowly coming to light, indicate that labor is not yet committed to legislation about to be urged by President Roosevelt along the lines of recommendation by the Civic Federation. That there is a difference of opinion that threatens to overthrow the programme was learned from an authoritative source.

Mr. Low is said to have returned to New York much discouraged. He had expected to be able to harmonize the points, but the labor interests, represented by Mr. Gompers, failed to conform with the programme of the Civic Federation. The officials of the American Federation of Labor are said to be withholding their support from the programme because the president feels that he cannot endorse legislation which would legalize trade by labor unions. The provision of the proposed bill exempting labor organizations from the operations of the Sherman anti-trust law was the medium through which it was intended to secure full endorsement by the American Federation of Labor.

At the conference at the White House which Mr. Gompers attended, it appears that organized labor was in complete accord with the programme of the Civic Federation. Later however, Mr. Gompers conferred with some of his associates in the American Federation, and the opinion was that the president in his message to Congress should recognize the right of organized labor to withhold its trade from a concern whose manner of conducting its business was inimical to organized labor. It was said that the president would agree to this, and in fact he was disposed to urge that boycotts should be suppressed by legislation which otherwise was fair to the labor unions. It was Mr. Low's mission in calling on Mr. Gompers yesterday to show him that the president's message, if it was to have force, must be couched in language in juxtaposition to the decisions of the Supreme Court on this question.

No agreement was reached, and in fact, Mr. Gompers indicated that he would prefer that the Sherman anti-trust law should continue to apply to labor unions rather than consent to a programme which might effectually stifle for all time the use of the boycott as a weapon.

One of the most important results of today's labor conference was the decision to draw up a memorial protesting against the alleged inaction of Congress in the matter of legislation in the interest of organized labor. It was voted to present the memorial to the leaders of Congress in a few days and ask them to fix upon a time when a committee from the labor conference can confer with them.

The conference, which is composed of representatives from 117 international trades unions, or 27,000 local unions, is regarded as one of the most representative gatherings in the history of organized labor. Formal organization was effected by the election of President Gompers, as chairman, and Frank Morrison, as secretary. President Gompers made an address in which he outlined the object of the gathering. A feature of the gathering was the presence for the first time of delegates representing the Farmers' National Union and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which two bodies have never affiliated with the Federation of Labor except in a formal way.

St. Lawrence Opening.

Montreal, March 18.—Shipping men are figuring on the opening of navigation here soon after April 15.

Dundas Stabbing Case.

Hamilton, Ont., March 18.—The condition of Antonio Tesza, the Italian stabbed last week by Dundas, is very serious, pneumonia having set in. His assailants have not yet been captured.

Captured by Moors

Paris, March 18.—The government today announced that the crew of a French fishing vessel named the Baleine had been captured recently by Moroccans after inadvertently landing near Cape Juby. An attempt will be made to rescue the men.

Decreased Railway Earnings.

Montreal, March 18.—Canadian Pacific railway earnings for the week ending March 14, show a decrease of \$149,000, the figures being \$1,220,000, compared with \$1,369,000 for the same period last year. Grand Trunk earnings for the same period decreased by \$30,597, the figures being \$687,111 for 1908 and \$767,700 for 1907.

Mutual Reserve Policyholders.

Toronto, March 18.—The Canadian policyholders of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company are being warned by the permanent liquidator, E. R. C. Clarkson, that he will assume no responsibility for any premiums paid to receivers of the company in the United States, either insofar as protection of their policies or repayment of premiums so paid is concerned. Mr. Clarkson points out that the Canadian liquidation was undertaken voluntarily for the protection of holders of Canadian policies and is quite apart from the United States.

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"So-called inferior race" me. Mr. Stefansson, so he tells me, is about to return to the land of the East to learn why the natives are so prepared to admire you?" Whereupon he answered without hesitation, "Not at all," adding, "You may take it for truth that no one admires me." Then he was forced to go. As for the Eskimo view of the white folks, it puts them down as chilly people, with small gift for lubber-eating, and not much prowess in the chase.

After a few minutes after Mr. Stefansson's departure, there arrived an interesting African, from whom I sought further light upon ourselves as an inferior race. "Oh, yes," said the colored man, "I have seen white people. They look down upon the white man. He knows he is the stronger of the two; he has better muscles, and more endurance. Besides, he prides himself on his musical sense. Out of a crowd of fifty Caucasians, scarcely half a dozen can sing, whereas a crowd of blacks can all sing—and keep to the key. Again, the white man is a coward. He is not without his curious anomalies, which reflect far from creditably upon the intelligence of the white people and afford anything but respect to the colored man. But the main source of disdain on the black man's part is the defective and absurd civilization we have evolved. His own race is still on the highest of the human scale, and he is not without possibilities awaiting him. Infinite hopes stir its ambition. It looks upon us as a swarm of unsuccessful experimenters, who have been wasting centuries with pretty ridiculous results."

It was a tonic, just that brief, frank talk with the negro. And the best of it was, I thought, came out when I asked a question which I had never asked in London or in Paris: the colored man meets no barriers; Europeans think not indignantly of a dark skin. Why, then, do not our educated Africans betake themselves to the study of the sciences? "You should have seen the look in the fellow's face as I asked that question. What? Run away? Clear out, like cowards, and leave our people to the struggle for life with the white man? No, no, no!—I am not a coward, and I am not about to face discrimination and triumphing over it? No, Sir, we are not

made of cheap stuff like that!"

—A. W. J., a talented negro says, "Never leave the devil until you are sure you can lay him," and you may add to it a codell: "Never invite a representative of a so-called inferior race to your house."—The negro, however, it was I, not the negro, who had sighted the advisability of flight.—Boston Transcript.

Shackling Loan Sharks

A bill has been introduced in the Assembly which, if it becomes law, will effectually end the activities of loan sharks. By it charge of more than six per cent. interest on a loan in anticipation of salary is made a felony. Also it is provided that contracts made in violation of this provision shall be void. The bill provides that a loan for not more than two years, or by a fine of not more than a thousand dollars, is provided for violations of the act. All of this is simple, direct, and to the point. The loan sharks cannot obtain more than six per cent. interest or discount; they will not make loans on salaries to be earned in the future. The risks are a great deal better than any sustained losses in pursuing their peculiar business. For instance a salaried borrower may lose his position before he has earned enough to pay the obligation incurred. But the exacting exorbitant rates of interest from many an average is made which pays well on the whole business. If the loaners are limited to six per cent. they will not visit the borrower's business. But these men are ingenious. They have evaded the law forbidding usury in the past. If to the provisions of the bill in question there had been added one which would have prevented in any attempt to garnish a salary to make a showing that no more than six per cent. had been exacted in the way of interest or discount, before the bill was made, the bill would be nearly perfect. The measure should be passed.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Swansea town council has appointed Dr. W. J. Morgan, bacteriologist and pathologist at the Cancer Hospital near London, as medical officer at a salary of £600 per annum.

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THE G. T. PACIFIC CONTRACTS

Mr. William Wainwright announces that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company has determined to call for tenders for the construction of two hundred miles of the railway east of the one hundred miles for which a contract has already been let. This, he told an interviewer, means that half the railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be under construction this year. Mr. Wainwright further said, and this is of special interest to British Columbians, that this is due to the settlement made with the government of British Columbia. The building of three hundred miles of railway in this province ought to stimulate business to a degree impossible to estimate correctly at the present time.

Mr. Wainwright says that the first sale of lots at Prince Rupert will be held in September, and that people tell him the city will start out with a population of 20,000. We shall not be surprised if this estimate proves correct, for there will be such a rush to the site of the future terminus as has never been witnessed on the Pacific Coast. The influx will not be long delayed, for as many people as possible will desire to get on the ground at the earliest possible opportunity.

THE FINDLAY RIVER STRIKE

There seems to be no good reason for doubting that gold in paying quantities has been found in the Findlay river. It has been known for years that the sands of this stream were auriferous. Pete Toy's Bar, which is a little way up the Findlay, produced a considerable quantity of gold during the Omineca excitement. About eight or nine years ago a company was organized in Victoria to work this bar and some other properties. The late Captain Black was the active manager of the company's operations. But while there can be no doubt as to there being gold in the Findlay and its tributaries, people generally should hesitate about going there. The Findlay is the river, flowing from the north, which unites with the Parsnip, flowing from the south, to form the Peace. It is in British Columbia and lies west of the Rocky mountains. It is a long way from any centre of population and the means of transportation to it are, and must for some time to come, be very primitive. It is not a place to which any one should think of going unless he is in a position to take his supplies with him.

DRY DOCKS.

The new provisions in regard to government aid to dry docks are substantially as follows: A company, approved by the government, proposing to construct a dry dock on plans to be approved of by the Department of Public Works in localities, where it is shown that a dock would be in the public interest, will be bonussed to the extent of 3 per cent. upon the capital investment yearly for the period of twenty years provided the total amount paid in any one case shall not exceed \$45,000 a year. The same rule will apply to expenditures for the enlargement of existing docks. The work is to be done under the supervision of the Department of Public Works, which may take over a dock that is not properly kept up and put it in good condition. Rates and tolls are to be under the supervision of the Governor-General in Council, and annual reports of receipts and expenditures are to be made to the government. The maximum annual subsidy would pay 3 per cent. on a capital of \$1,500,000, and this sum, in view of the extent to which concrete can be used in dock construction, ought to be sufficient to pay for a very large structure.

We observe that the Montreal Gazette does not like this legislation, which it says makes Canada look like "a nation of commercial cripples." We think that the Montreal paper takes a narrow view of the case, and it is not quite as consistent in treating the question as it usually is. It thinks the demand for docks is largely inspired by a desire to see public money expended in the locality from which the demand comes, and then it expresses the opinion that the proposed measure will not lead to dock construction. Passing over the fact that the measure does not contemplate government construction, and speaking from a local standpoint, we deny in toto the suggestion of the Gazette that the people of Victoria in seeking to have a larger dock built than that at Esquimalt are actuated by the desire to see public money or any other money expended in this vicinity in a dock or anything else that is not needed. We are glad to be able to say that the people of this part of Canada are not influenced by such pleyish ideas. They would not thank a govern-

ment for expending money in useless undertakings. They want to see a new dry dock, but not because the building of it would lead to the outlay of a million dollars or so spread over a couple of years. We are not in such financial straits as to be anxious for an outlay of half a million a year in a work of doubtful utility. Our people are not accustomed to look at things in any such light. They want to see a new dock built in this part of Canada because they know that the development of business requires such a thing. They would prefer to see it a government work, because they think that the government of Canada ought to provide necessary conveniences for ships of the Royal Navy, but if the government is unable to see its way clear to such an undertaking, they are very hopeful that private enterprise will be found equal to the work. A dock costing a million and a half dollars would probably not be very profitable for a few years, but long before the 20-year term will have expired, unless every promise of the present fails of fulfillment, such an investment would be very remunerative commercially.

In regard to the claim that such assistance as is proposed will convey the impression that the country is "a commercial cripple," it seems somewhat late in the day for the Gazette to take this attitude towards a government policy which seeks to assist commercial ventures. If it is legitimate for a government to regulate the incidence of taxation so that the establishment of manufacturing industries may be promoted we are unable to see why it is not equally legitimate to direct the expenditure of some of the proceeds of taxation so that it will promote the establishment of industries. The principle, upon which protection is justified, is that it secures employment to labor and the utilization of the raw materials of the country; the establishment of dry docks in suitable localities would have such an effect, besides others equally beneficial to the country.

PAPERS AND THE PUBLIC.

The Canadian Press Association recently held a session in Toronto, and some very interesting things were talked about. Two of these related to the responsibility of the press to the public, and one of them was as to the advertisements and the other as to the editorials. Mr. McGill McCormick, proprietor of the Chicago Tribune and Cleveland Leader, said that in his view a paper was no cleaner than its advertising columns, and that to denounce frauds and abominations and at the same time to publish advertisements of them is to exhibit a poor appreciation of journalistic responsibility. In other words, a newspaper's advertising columns call for editing just as much as its reading columns. He said that "this is not a question of morality or ethics but one of commercial sanity." He looked forward to the time when a paper would avowedly guarantee the good faith of its advertisers.

Another phase of the responsibility to the public, which was discussed, was well summarized by the Toronto Globe in these words:

More than ever before the party newspapers stand for independence within party lines. They are loyal to what is essential in historic Liberalism or historic Conservatism, but with increasing determination they resolve not to be dragged noisily volens in the train of their party or to dance attendance on any group of men who for the moment chance to be prominent and busy in the affairs of this or that party organization. If they are not consulted by the leaders and if they are not admitted to the caucus they decline to have their approval taken for granted. If they approve of a policy or support a line of action it is because it carries their judgment as being in the main in the public interest and consistent with the party's best traditions.

From the public point of view this independence in party journalism is a hopeful sign. The modern drift of party leadership is set so steadily in the direction of autocracy, and the caucus so frequently kills freedom of discussion and independence of judgment on the floor of the House that it becomes the more necessary for the Press of the parties to claim and to exercise the rights of free speech within party lines, if democracy itself is not to be strangled in the very home of free institutions.

To use Mr. McCormick's words, this conception of a newspaper's duty is only "commercial sanity." A modern newspaper of any pretensions represents a large capital investment. Its shareholders may or may not be in full sympathy with the details of the policy adopted by any political party. They may be quite opposed to the personal aspirations of some would-be political leaders. They may not wish to countenance the methods adopted to secure party success. As a rule a newspaper owes nothing at all to a political party. Instances can be cited by the score where by yielding to the exigencies of a political party a newspaper has come to grief financially. As a matter of fact there are no public men in Canada, and very few of them anywhere, that can afford to carry a paper that would be of any service to them, outside of some small community. The people keep up the newspapers, and if a newspaper is to be a commercial success, it must gain the confidence of the people. Happily the time is fast passing in Canada when newspaper men will descend to do the dirty work of politicians, and we may add that happily the time is also rapidly passing when politicians, worthy of the name, have any dirty work to be done. There is a distinct improvement in the tone of public men and the press throughout the Dominion. We had a bad exhibition on the part of the former last year, but it is pretty safe to assume that it will never occur again. The men responsible for it were in no sense political leaders, and they were taught a

lesson by an indignant public that will have a very salutary effect for all time to come. The people of Canada demand decency in public life and honesty in journalism.

It may be cheaper to get rid of old buildings by burning them up than in any other way, but we take leave to doubt the expediency of allowing any one to destroy structures within the city limits in that way. It may be said that the fire department can be called out to watch such fires, but what guarantee have we that while they are watching they may not be called somewhere else.

When Sir William Van Horne speaks of Canadian investments, so-called, in the West Indies, Mexico and South America, he is on ground where he can speak with knowledge, because he has been engaged in such a business himself. He says the investments have rather been of Canadian brains than of Canadian money, for almost all the money has been secured by Canadians in Europe.

Money seems to be fairly plentiful in New York for safe investments. The State put a \$5,000,000 loan on the market a few days ago, the interest being 4 per cent. It was oversubscribed sixteen times. New York city placed a 4½ per cent. loan of \$50,000,000 and the bids amounted to \$250,000,000. The highest price offered for the State loan was 109 and for the city loan, 104.

In passing sentence upon an automobile driver who had been convicted for an infraction of the by-law which regulates the speed of such vehicles within the city limits, Magistrate Jay took occasion to say that on the next occasion that anyone similarly charged came before him he would deal more severely with the case, as he was determined to afford pedestrians all the protection possible. It is proper to say that in taking such an attitude Mr. Jay will be warmly supported by the great majority of the people of Victoria.

We note some comment upon the fact that Prince Edward Island oats have been shipped to supply the farmers of the prairies with seed, and a little surprise is expressed in some quarters, where we are told that it is an amazing thing that the smallest province of Canada should be called upon to supply its great sisters with seed. Prince Edward Island may be little. It is smaller than the E. & N. grant on this island, but it can raise the best oats that are grown anywhere. It would be a good thing if more oats were bought in that province for seed purposes.

The announcement that Rear-Admiral Evans will relinquish his command of the United States Atlantic battleship fleet on the conclusion of the big naval review at San Francisco on May 8, is not at all surprising. "Fighting Bob," as he is popularly known, has reached the age-limit, and he has been in very poor health throughout the greater portion of the memorable voyage just completed in a fashion which reflects the highest credit upon himself and his navigating staff. His achievement in this regard will prove a lasting monument to his faithful and meritorious service in the interest of his country.

The Canadian Courier, speaking of New Brunswick politics says: "The Blair government would go to the polls and be defeated, but this would not prevent Mr. Blair from remaining provincial premier." In these days, when every one on both sides of politics is endeavoring to draw lessons from the New Brunswick elections, it is just as well to have the facts right. The Blair government never was defeated in New Brunswick. If any one wants the true inwardness of the government defeat in the eastern province, he will probably find it "dry rot" of the same kind that is permeating the Liberal party throughout Canada.

While Alderman Henderson, the energetic chairman of the Streets' Committee, is pursuing his investigations as to the condition of thoroughfares which require immediate attention, he would confer a favor on a large number of people by inspecting the condition of the Esquimalt Road from Rock Bay avenue to the Point Ellice bridge and thence by way of the same road to the city boundary line, which terminates at the St. George Inn. We know of no one in the city better qualified to give an opinion than Alderman Henderson, and he takes such a keen interest in his municipal duties that we would not be surprised to learn that he has already done so.

Sir Oliver Lodge has a great reputation as a scientist. He set out on an attempt to investigate psychic phenomena in a scientific way, and he claims that he has proved there is something in them. Straightway a lot of people have started in to question his trustworthiness as a man of science. If he had said there was nothing in the alleged phenomena, his wisdom would not have been called in question. Once upon a time a certain man was discoursing upon such things as the resurrection of the dead, and Festus cried with a loud voice "Thou art beside thyself. Much learning hath made thee mad." They are all mad, those other fellows who do not think as we do.

Dr. Beland, M.P. of Beauce, Quebec, is an optimist on the timber situation. He told the House of Commons the other day that at the present rate of consumption it will take 4,144 years

to exhaust the pulp wood forests of Canada. The Doctor seemed unwilling to take off even six months from his estimate. Let us hope he is right, although there are not many of us who have any special interest in what is likely to happen in A.D. 6052. By that time, our descendants, if we have any, will probably have emerged from this age of paper. A more practical side to the Doctor's objection to an export duty on pulp wood is that its imposition would very seriously affect a population of 300,000 people in Quebec, who depend upon the pulp wood market in the United States for most of their ready money. It is not very likely that with an election not very far away, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will take the chance of alienating a large section of the province which keeps him in power.

It is probably quite correct to say that Canadians themselves are only commencing to appreciate what a vast area lies within the borders of the Dominion which, though practically unexplored at present, is rich in natural resources and fit to be the home of many thousands of happy and contented settlers. We note in an Ottawa dispatch that an interesting address was delivered the other day before the Commons Committee of Agriculture by Mr. Young, of the Interior department, on the resources of Northern Alberta, a section of the country with which he is very familiar. Incidentally, Dr. Thompson, member for Yukon, showed a sample of oats grown in his district by McCluskey Bros., which weighed 42 pounds to the bushel. At the time the Yukon gold excitement was at its height, there were, perhaps, not a dozen people in the whole of the Dominion who would believe it possible for grain to be successfully grown in that far northern country. But Dr. G. M. Dawson told us a quarter of a century ago that it could be.

During the year, which will close with this month, the expenditure of Canada will be \$10,000,000. This is certainly a large sum of money for a country with no greater population than we have to expend in a twelve-month, even although a considerable part of it has been laid out on public works of a development character. During the first year of the Liberal regime the expenditure was under \$39,000,000, which shows that, for a government that was about to inaugurate a policy of retrenchment and economy, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's administration has been "going it some." Yet the fact remains, and there is no use in permitting parizan prejudice to blind our eyes to the fact, that the progress of the country during the last decade has been such that this enormous increase has not been felt burdensome by the people out of whose pockets the money has come. If may be of interest to add that practically every dollar of money in the country passes in the course of the year through the public treasury and is paid out on public account.

There seem to be the best of grounds for believing that before a very great time has elapsed a railway to Hudson Bay will be an accomplished fact. It is announced from Ottawa that Mr. William Mackenzie will shortly leave for England to endeavor to float bonds for the building of the line, and that a proposition has been submitted to the government, which has considered the scheme and has offered certain guarantees on bonds and subsidies for the steamers. While there may be some delays in perfecting all the negotiations preliminary to the commencement of the project, there are few people in Canada who will not agree that such enterprise must ultimately, through the sheer pressure of events be taken hold of and pushed to completion. That its success would materially alter existing transportation systems on this continent goes without saying. The determining factor in the success of failure of the scheme, is, of course, the navigability of the Strait for a sufficient period during the twelve months of the year to permit of the operation of trade routes in competition with existing lines. The most recent investigations into the navigability of the Strait show that it is available for ordinary steamships during nearly half the year, and for specially constructed craft for a longer period, with a possibility of its being usable all the year round.

Change of Food in Japan
Slowly but surely, says the Ostasische Lloyd of Shanghai, the mode of nutrition of the Japanese nation is undergoing a radical change. Japan's European-trained physicians are now recognizing that in order to preserve and strengthen the physical vigor of the people, especially with regard to military efficiency, it is necessary to adopt a popular food which contains more albumenates and less carbohydrates than can be found in rice.

When the first batch of the good old Scotch conclusion that "meat makes men." The fact has also been established that where rice forms the staple diet of the people, the dreaded Eastern sickness, beri-beri, makes the worst ravages.

This was discovered accidentally. For reasons of economy the prison authorities in Japan some time ago cut down the prisoners' allowance of rice, substituting barley, with the result that they remained free from beri-beri at the time when the scourge was claiming numberless victims in both the army and navy.

Since then rice has lost much of its popularity and the Japanese trade returns, as a consequence, have already begun to show substantial increases under the heads of imported meal and flour.

The final section of the Middlesex county council electric tramway from Edgeware to Willesden Junction station is now completed, and will be tested by the board of trade this week.

Mr. Cornelius Isande, oldest railway director in the world, and the last man who knew Sir Walter Scott, died recently at Cardiff, at the age of ninety-three.

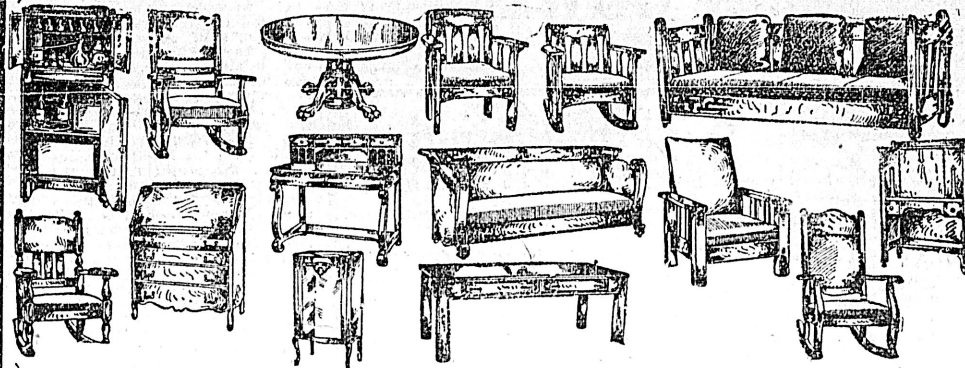
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See Our Fine Showing of New Spring Carpet Styles

Still further shipments of new carpets have arrived during the past week, and our present showing of new spring styles is a very creditable one indeed. We cordially invite every Victorian to see these newest creations of the world's foremost carpets and rugs. We are always pleased to show you our stock of carpets, so do not be afraid to ask. Come any time, though today would be better. Carpet Department is on Second Floor.

An Unusual Clearance of Linoleum "Ends"

All "Short Lengths" Must be Cleared at Once—Genuine Savings

Yesterday saw the commencement of a clearance sale of Linoleum and Oilcloth "ends" of special interest to you. That it has interested many homekeepers was evinced by the numbers who visited this interesting Second Floor yesterday. You'll be interested, too—if you but come. It is a timely sale—just now, when Spring Cleaning holds the attention of every homekeeper who delights in clean and sanitary kitchens, pantries, bathrooms, etc. The record-breaking business in Linoleums and oilcloths during the past year has left us with a large quantity of "short lengths" which we wish to clear out at once, as we have unusually heavy shipments of Linoleums on the way and due to arrive very shortly.

These remnants range in size from small pieces, suitable for mats, up to pieces ample in size to cover any moderate-sized bathroom, vestibule, kitchen or pantry. Cost has been lost sight of in the marking of these, and we offer you an unusual opportunity to secure the most suitable and serviceable coverings for the floors of these various rooms. These remnants are shown on our Second Floor, and we advise that you measure your kitchen, pantry or any other medium-sized room, then come in and select one of these. There is a great choice of patterns, and such money-saving opportunities on these lines aren't likely to pass your way often. Today offers best choice.

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Size 6 ft. x 6 ft. 9 in., each	\$1.00	Size 6 ft. x 11 ft., each	\$2.00
Size 6 ft. x 9 ft., each	\$1.50	Size 20 feet x 6 ft., each	\$3.30
Size 6 ft. x 8 ft. 9 in., each	\$1.75	Size 17 ft. 9 in. x 6 ft., each	\$3.50

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Size 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft., each	\$1.00	Size 3 ft. 8 in. x 12 ft., each	\$3.00
Size 4 ft. 9 in. x 6 ft., each	\$1.00	Size 6 ft. x 14 ft. 6 in., each	\$3.25
Size 6 ft. x 9 ft., each	\$2.00	Size 12 ft. x 6 ft. 7 in., each	\$3.50
Size 11 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft., each	\$2.60	Size 6 ft. 2 in. x 10 ft. 2 in., each	\$3.50
Size 12 ft. 4 in. x 6 ft., each	\$2.75	Size 18 ft. x 6 ft., each	\$3.50
Size 9 ft. x 6 ft. 3 in., each	\$2.25	Size 6 ft. 8 in. x 9 ft. 10 in., each	\$5.00
Size 3 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft., each	\$2.75	Size 25 ft. 4 in. x 6 ft., each	\$5.00
Size 4 ft. 3 in. x 11 ft., each	\$3.00	Size 12 ft. x 5 ft. 7 in., each	\$7.00
Size 5 ft. 2 in. x 5 ft. 5 in., each	\$3.00		

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NOTE AND COMMENT

There is a growing suspicion in well-informed circles in Eastern Canada that it is likely that the federal elections may be held at a much earlier date than is popularly supposed. What lends color to this theory is the fact that great activity prevails in the Liberal camps everywhere. We quote a recent press despatch from Ottawa bearing on this point:

Ottawa, March 11.—Necessity for immediate organization in view of the general elections was insisted upon at the meeting of the Mississquoi Liberal Association in Quebec, yesterday, by Hon. Sydney Lemieux. Mr. Fisher added that the elections might not come for eighteen months, but said that it was possible that they might come in a few months. The insistence of the Ministers of the necessity of getting ready at once was taken to heart by the members of the association, who took it to mean that the general elections would be on at an early date.

The net result of London Times "expose" of the Kaiser's letter to Lord Tweedmouth seems to have been that it has suffered a material loss of prestige and at the same time received an unmerciful castigation at the hands of angry critics in all quarters. Here are two recent special cable despatches which have just come to hand:

London, March 11.—In the House of Commons Mr. MacNeill gave notice that he would ask the Government whether, in view of the fact that the spreading of false news for the purpose of making discord, or concerning high state officials was punishable as a misdemeanor, it had considered the advisability of prosecuting the Times for its publication of the Kaiser-Tweedmouth letters.

Berlin, March 11.—The Sud Deutsche Reichs-Korrespondenz, which Chancellor Von Buelow sometimes used for official announcements, contains a statement ascribed to the Chancellor criticizing the Times for distorting the Kaiser's letter to Lord Tweedmouth and falsely representing its contents. It says, among other things: "The matter at stake is the maintenance of epistolary secrecy in correspondence with British statesmen and not the imputation, which has been rejected by the representatives of both political parties in England, that the Emperor had done something impermissible. The hackneyed word 'impulse' does not fit. On the face of it the letter is much too long, and, as far as its subject is concerned, much too exhaustive to have been written offhand."

Very naturally, intense interest has been aroused throughout the Old Country and Canada by the new Licensing Bill introduced in the Commons by Mr. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The principles of the Bill are stated to be a progressive reduction in the present facilities for retailing intoxicating drink and the recovery by the State of dominion over the monopoly value of licenses. The features of special interest and importance in the bill may be thus summarized:

A time limit of fourteen years on compensation.

Within that time the number of licenses to be reduced throughout the country to numbers, fixed according to density of population, and ranging from one for 400 people in the country to one to 1,000 people in poor crowded quarters of the towns.

Total estimated reduction 30,000.

A special licensing commission to be appointed to approve schemes—local authorities must draw up—and control funds.

Power to refuse to issue any new license given to majority of people in the locality.

Compensation for the loss of licenses to be paid out of a fund levied as at present on the trade, on a reduced scale.

No more appeals from town benches to quarter sessions.

No children allowed in bars.

All clubs to be registered annually.

Chief constables or other high officials (not in uniform) may inspect any club, whether in Pall Mall or elsewhere.

Local option indicated at the end of the time limit.

Sunday opening in country limited to one hour mid-day—two hours evening.

One-fide travelers to go six instead of three miles.

The Colonist is extremely pleased to note that the people of Okanagan district, in which section most of the Salvation Army immigrants have located, have been quick to recognize the duty they owe towards the newcomers in the way of extending to them a cordial welcome and a helping hand in getting accustomed to their new environment. We most heartily endorse the sentiments expressed in the following, which we find in the Armstrong Advertiser:

We extend the best of welcomes to our friends and from England who arrived on Monday and in doing so we have with us the people of Spallumcheen. Determined as they all are to do their level best to succeed, we cannot but feel that they have already the best of it, and though they may find conditions totally different from those they have left behind, they being possessed of the spirit, and the brightest for their future. We must remember that we also have our part to fulfill, we must bear in mind that the immigrants are new and strange to their mode of accomplishing work perhaps different to ours, and it is our duty to exercise patience and give the newcomers every possible chance. We can do this by comparing the position we would be placed in were our environment suddenly changed and we were to migrate to a land whose people had ways that were not our ways, we would naturally expect some sympathy and consideration, which we trust will be extended to the new arrivals.

Although opera singers usually accompany the very high note by a step forward, a raising of the head and lifting of the chin, and a "let me hear" the soprano at the Manhattan opera house, New York, while singing the high note in "La Traviata" coolly leans over and picks up her long train.

Only one person in four in London earns more than \$1 per week.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Thursday, March 19, 1868.

There was a rumor afloat yesterday that the duties on certain articles are to be raised. Considerable tobacco went out of bond in consequence.

The Fraser river steamer Onward will start for Yale on Saturday. She will carry a quantity of blasting powder with her to blast the ice.

The California sailed for Sitka via Nainimo yesterday at 7 o'clock. Mr. Hensley, formerly in the Hudson Bay company's service, is pilot and mate of the California.

Capt. Fleming informs us that he has men stationed at different points of the ice blockade on the Fraser river, and will receive telegraphic news of the latest moment a break in the ice. The steamer Lillooet will leave Victoria for Yale direct.

To the Editor.—In answer to your correspondent of yesterday, I beg to inform "Curiosity" that the Volunteers are at their post at the sound of the bugle, that during the Fenian excitement several members of the Corps have done their duty as special constables at night, when your correspondent was enjoying his warm bed. Rain or blow we have each of us had our turn as night watchman, and some of us have been out three or four times. Our Corps is ready to do its duty when called upon, and if we have been quiet in our movements it is because of the necessity of seeing without being seen. Trusting that Mr. Curiosity will be on hand to enroll himself as a member next Monday night.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The Chairman of the Great Eastern Railway and of the Railway Clearing-house, Lord Claud Hamilton, kept his birthday a few days ago. He was sixty-five years old, but does not look it. He is, says the London Standard, an indefatigable worker, as the Liverpool Street employees have cause to know for he has a happy knack (or an unhappy one—it depends on the point of view) of turning up at unexpected moments and unexpected places, "just to see how things are getting on." His views about strikes and trades unionism are well known, and he loses no occasion of causing them to be better known, for he has the courage of his convictions, and, to his credit be it said, has always kept his word and "played the game" in all fairness and equity.

The fourteenth annual report of the Bronte Society has just been issued. The society now numbers 339 members, and has published during the past year parts 16 (Mr. G. K. Chesterton's address at Hildes) and 17 ("The Shirley Country") of its transactions. A sum of £75 has been expended in "reliefs," chiefly at the sale of the late Rev. A. B. Norton's collection at the end of July last, when the total sum realized at the sale was £718. Many other valuable memorials of the Bronte family have also been acquired, the chief of which was the large plaster medallion bust of Bronte, collected by Leyland, the eminent Halifax sculptor.

Another instance of hereditary talent is offered by Miss Collier, who has just made her first appearance on the music-hall stage. Both her father and her mother were connected with the stage, the latter acting with Phelps in Shakespearean roles. Miss Collier first appeared as a child in "The Silver King," and was next in the chorus of the Gaiety, but it was not long before her abilities secured for her the more ambitious work, though she did not obtain her best opportunities until she became a member of Mr. Tree's company.

Dr. Clouston, in his annual report on the work of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum makes reference to alcoholic excess as a cause of insanity, and says that women appear on the list in this connection as often as men. Looking back over ten years, the idea was strengthened that the women of the working classes had taken more to excess in drink of recent years than before. If this represented a general social fact it was of bad import for the future of the population. Dr. Clouston added that if certain persons in our population were specially predisposed to take drink, it was necessary to be upon their brains for that means, surely this is a special argument for special care in the use of alcohol in the case of such predisposed persons.

Count Metternich, who was entertained the other night by the London Chamber of Commerce, has, says the Daily Chronicle, proved the most popular and successful of German ambassadors to this country—the criticism of success he has met with, which he has maintained and improved the friendly relations between the two nations. Count Munster, the first representative of the new empire, suffered—in the eyes of his countrymen—less from his own faults than from his stable. Count Metternich, though sharing with Hatzfeldt the disadvantage of being a bachelor, seems to have given to England a place in his heart next to that of his own Fatherland.

In these days, when a man is considered "too old at forty," it is refreshing to learn that there is at Tadastinople a veteran called Tadjani-Rouf who is still young enough to earn his living as a saddle-maker. He is 133 years old, and who has ten more years to go before he can tie his father's record of life. Even such extreme age as this would not be much of a record in Peru, where Tschudi discovered the baptismal record 142 years before of an Indian who was still alive, and where the church registers at Barranca revealed eleven burials in seven years, giving an average of 169 years to each individual. When Humboldt was at Lima he saw the funeral of an Indian, one Hilario Parí, who was born 143 years earlier, and whose wife had died at 117, after ninety years of wedlock. Only a few years ago, too, there was a living in New Jersey a boy, son of an Indian father and a white mother, who had enjoyed his pipe for 120 years, and was still able to enjoy it at 128; and at the same time Valenciana's youngest inhabitant was a mason, "a little old man," who had passed his 120th birthday.

BRITISH OPINION

Belfast Whig.—Mr. Henry Lowenfield has written an article for the forthcoming number of the Financial Review of Reviews on our system of taxation which provides plenty of food for thought on the part of those who cling to the old belief that our fiscal arrangements are so perfect that they must not be changed in the slightest degree. But, whether they like it or not, the time is coming when the basis of taxation must be widened. While many will not be prepared to subscribe to every principle laid down by Mr. Lowenfield, most people will agree that a change must take place if we are to find sufficient revenue to pay the national bills. And these are unfortunately increasing every year. In the matter of national defence we are at the mercy of other nations. If they go in for extensive shipbuilding programmes we must do the same, and everything points to a heavy expenditure in the immediate future. If Germany, for example, goes on building warships at a rapid rate it would be madness for us to stand idly by. The money spent on the army and navy is national insurance premium, and the moment we cease to pay it we leave ourselves open to the gravest dangers. No government that values the national welfare and that wishes to maintain the security and the prestige of the nation could for one moment think of reducing the strength of our fighting forces. It is inevitable that our naval expenditure shall be on a larger scale than hitherto. But increased national expenditure is not confined to our defensive forces. New claims for enormous sums of money are made on the nation, and the raising of the money is not such an easy matter as some of our amateur statesmen may think. Old-age pensions, provision for the unemployed, and the housing of the working classes are three of the most prominent schemes that are at present before the country, and in order to carry them into effect it will be necessary to add very considerably to the burden of the taxpayers.

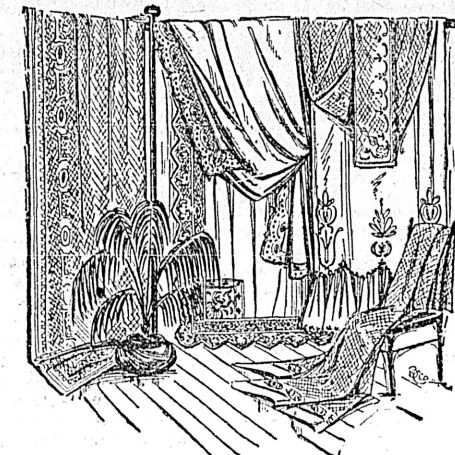
London Morning Post.—Liberals are in the habit of protesting against the claim of the Unionists to be regarded as the "Constitutional" party. But the experience of the past two years seems to have revealed an undeniable tendency on the part of the government now in power to set aside the constitutional principles which Englishmen regard as the safeguard of their liberties. One such principle is that the laws of the land are to be upheld at all costs by the government of the day without regard to whether they or their opponents were responsible for placing them on the Statute book or to how the enforcement of the law might affect the political prospects of the party in power. But in Ireland, Mr. Birrell has defended his inaction by asserting a claim which is nothing less than that of "exercising his own judgment and discretion in suspending the operation of the law in favor of particular lawbreakers." What is that but the principle on which the law is administered under a corrupt autocracy without the pretence of constitutional government? The same tendency may be noted in Mr. McKenna's attempt to his powers at the education office. Mr. McKenna's attempt to carry out by administrative measures a policy which has not been embodied in the law has provoked even the venerable Warden of New College to enter his protest. As Dr. Spooner has pointed out, Mr. McKenna has been trying to substitute "special decrees" for legislation, and thereby is undoubtedly encouraging what Aristotle regarded as one of the most dangerous weaknesses of a democracy. Again, in their dealings with the self-governing colonies the Government have not hesitated to set aside in the case of Newfoundland the constitutional principle that a colonial statute can be invalidated only by the action of the Imperial Parliament, not by the fiat of the Imperial Executive. In this instance, instead of apologising to Parliament, they invoked an Imperial statute nearly a hundred years out of date, and long since superseded by the grant of responsible government.

London Standard.—In some respects there is a show of moderation in the Licensing Bill as explained yesterday in the House of Commons by Mr. Asquith. There can be no doubt that it will be vigorously resisted throughout the country. If it passes into law it will have been altered beyond all recognition. As it stands, it is unfair, interfering, and oppressive. Take the time limit. This has been fixed at fourteen years. If Ministers had offered double that term they might have been considered to lay a basis for negotiation with representatives of the trade. It may be replied that Mr. Asquith has already strained the patience of the abolitionists, and they would rebel against an extension of the compensation interval. But that is no business of the brewers and the publicans. They need not trouble themselves with the internal politics of the Liberal party, nor is it by considering the convenience of Ministerialists that the country will form its judgment of what would be a fair and generally advantageous arrangement. It is quite certain that in fourteen years it would be impossible for the holders of a license to pay rates and taxes, contribute towards the compensation fund for extinguished licenses, and also build up a sinking fund against the day of his own doom. The profits of a business not so thriving as this was simply would not meet the various charges to be imposed by Parliament.

It is also known that the duty on licenses will be largely increased in the forthcoming budget. If then this scheme were to be carried out, it is certain that a general depreciation would ensue in every class of licensed property—from the first class brewer's debenture stock, which once ranked at fifty pounds a share, down to the ownership of a village inn. All classes would be hit, and hard hit.

London Daily Chronicle.—Mr. Justice Warrington's reminder that the decision as to the disposal of the Times rests with the court, and his intimation that interested parties are not to advertise their schemes in the newspapers will give a good deal of satisfaction. One of the learned counsel said that it was "an ordinary partnership case, and not a case of some national asset, like Crosby Hall." That of course is in one sense perfectly true, but the question is not all that simple. The Times is a national asset, and we don't want to see it share the same fate as Crosby Hall. We abuse it sometimes, but none of us could do without it, while in the eyes of foreign nations the Times is almost as much a part of John Bull's appearance as "Le Lor Maitre" himself. We trust that Mr. Justice Warrington will be able to settle the matter speedily. All the talk that has been indulged in about

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putting the paper up to public auction and so forth can only have the effect of injuring the property, while the uncertainty and current gossip must add not a little to the difficulties of those who are now responsible for the conduct of the paper, and who—apart from the vexed question of certain "slidshows"—have of late years worthily maintained many of the best traditions of the leading English journal.

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The Money Lenders

Two years ago the News and other Canadian papers conducted a campaign against the practices of usurious money lenders. It was disclosed that in Toronto and Montreal these men were waxing fat at the expense of unfortunate creditors. Their method was to advance small salaries people or wage earners sums of money to tide them over emergencies. But the borrowers soon awoke to the fact that they had undertaken to pay exorbitant rates of interest, and that they were absolutely in the power of the lenders. The interest rate exacted sometimes ran up to one and two hundred per cent per annum. The obligation could not be discharged. Payments dragged on month after month, and year after year there was no escape for the unfortunate borrowers. They were in despair, and some were driven to suicide.

The revelations thus made by the newspapers led to action by parliament. As a result clause three, chapter thirty-two, of the Dominion statutes of 1906 provides that: "No money lender shall stipulate for, allow or exact on any negotiable instrument, contract or agreement, concerning a loan of money, the principal of which is under five hundred dollars, a rate of interest or discount greater than 12 per cent, per annum; and the said rate shall be reduced to five per cent per annum from the date of judgment in any suit or action for the recovery of the amount due." The penalty for violation of the law is provided in section nine: "Every person who is guilty of an offence under this act shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, who lends money at a rate of interest greater than that authorized by this act."

In brief, twelve per cent is the maximum legal interest chargeable on loans of \$500 or less, and the maximum penalty for exceeding that rate is a year in prison or a fine of \$1,000. It was hoped that this drastic measure would put an end to the business of extortion. But that expectation has not been realized. The News learns that the usurers are as busily at work as ever. A direct appeal has reached the News from one family about to have their furniture seized because in order to save themselves from starvation a short time ago, a small sum was borrowed from one of these money lenders. Other instances of the same nature have been unearthed.

The lenders resort to different methods of evading the law of 1906. But as a rule no interest is paid, and no paper relating to the loan. The borrower simply gets the sum he wants and shortly afterwards finds that he has bound himself to pay back double the amount in instalments extending over a certain period. He has generally been induced to hypothecate as security his furniture, or any small real estate interest he may possess. If the law is not adequate to the suppression of these practices and to the destruction of this business, further action by parliament will be required.—Toronto News.

The Captain's Kind Prescription

Miss Helen Ware insists that things are not always what they seem, and in the telling of this statement she related at the tea of the club the other day a little story to point the moral. Quite recently, she says, she made a hurried trip to Europe, and being a trifle nervous on the rolling deep, decided to ask the captain of the ship as to the best preventative for seasickness. Having armed herself with a letter of introduction to the officer, she went on until the ship had cleared Sandy Hook, and then approached him. She described her fears and begged for a remedy. "My dear young lady," replied the captain with an amused smile, "you have applied to the proper person. You will not be troubled with any illness if you will just do what I tell you. Most Indies confine themselves to their state-rooms and thereby incur the very thing they fear. Now, if you will only stay on deck; get all the fresh air you can; walk up and down, take good physical care of yourself, and try not to think of expected trouble, you will never be seasick."

Miss Ware thanked him. She followed the directions faithfully, and when the ship ran into the tail-end of a heavy northwest gale she never felt a qualm. She appeared regularly at meals, and she enjoyed herself thor-



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oughly. As the gale was abating, she bethought herself that it was due the captain that she should thank him for his good advice, and she approached the deck steward, entrusting him with a message asking for an interview. In the course of time the steward returned, saying that the captain was unable to grant her an interview.

"Why?" asked Miss Ware. "Why don't he see me?" "Captain's compliments, Miss," said the steward, "but he's suffering with a bit of seasickness, which 'lasted two days now, and he fears he ain't in shape to talk to you."—Bohemian.

Trained Citizen Soldiers

It was a wise provision to include military tactics in the curriculum of the agricultural and mechanical colleges which the United States has endowed for the higher education of the boy and girl of the farm. For of the total number of cadet soldiers graduated in the country yearly, these institutions contribute nearly one-half. From the fifty colleges come about forty-five hundred, thirty-three thousand students in the corps. The fact that these colleges represent thirty-two states and territories indicates the national scope of this influence. The public high schools of principal cities have also introduced military tactics to such an extent that nine thousand boys are cadet soldiers—the most notable command being the High School Cadet Brigade of Boston, which represents several public academies in the city and suburbs and has an average membership of two thousand. But of strictly military schools there are one hundred and seventy-five throughout the United States. Nearly every State in the union has at least one. New York has thirty-two, New Jersey nine, Pennsylvania eleven, North Carolina seven, Texas nine, Wisconsin four, California the national scope of these States are quoted merely to show how widely distributed are the centres of soldier making. And the means are within reach of any reputable school that can muster a corps of one hundred and fifty or two hundred boys. Under these conditions the United States Federal Government will furnish field pieces and caissons for the battery and

arm the corps with sabre and rifle. It is only necessary for the school authorities to give bond to return the equipment in good condition. Thus with weapons of actual warfare the routine of the regular army may be faithfully followed. Ten thousand young men coming from these institutions every year means an addition of a hundred thousand men in debt to the class of United States citizens available for the country's protection.—From "Training our Minute Men of the Future," by Day Allen Willey, in The Outing Magazine.

An Early Coin Sweater.

"Coin sweating," which so often figures in the Old Bailey calendar, is a very, very old crime. More than six centuries before Christ there was a coin sweater, one Alexander of Byzantium. He was the chief officer of the Public Treasury, and he amassed an immense and sudden fortune by "clipping" the money in so skillful a manner that his frauds could only be discovered by weighing. The Byzantines gave him the nickname of "The File," from his making such dexterous use of that tool. Whence probably comes the modern term of "file" applied to thieves, pickpockets and cunning hand-headed scoundrels.—Pearson's Weekly.

First Tar and Feathers.

It is often believed that this terrible punishment is an invention of lawless Americans. But such is not the case. One of Richard Coeur-de-Lion's ordinances for the seamen of his Crusading Fleet was, "that, if any man were taken with theft or plectory, and thereof convicted, he should have his head pulled, and hot pitch poured upon his plate, and upon that the feathers of some pillow or cushion shaken aloft, that he might thereby be known for a thief, and at the next arrival of the ships to any land be put forth of the company to seek his adventures."

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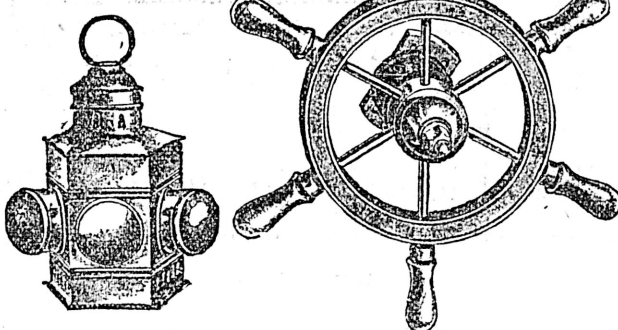
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NEWS OF THE CITY

More Permits Issued

Yesterday's building permits aggregated in value \$5,000. Permits were issued to R. M. Ferguson for a dwelling on Fernwood road to cost \$2,500; to John Stevens for a dwelling on south Turner street, to cost \$2,100, and to Jalland Bros. for a barn on Olliphant avenue to cost \$400.

Insane Man on Gorge Road

From reports received by the police there appears to be a crazy man somewhere along the Gorge road. Yesterday morning a lady reported that while she was out riding she saw an individual whose strange actions were such that she judged he was insane. An investigation by the police failed to locate the man.

The "Natal Act" Appeal.

The appeal which has been entered on the part of the province by the Hon. Mr. Bowser against the decision of Mr. Justice Morrison on the constitutionality of the Natal act as regards the admission of Hindu immigrants, will be argued in Vancouver. A session of the full court will be held April 7.

Sacred Band Concert

The sixth in the series of sacred concerts will be given by the Victoria city band in the New Grand theatre next Sunday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. On this occasion the "Fifth Bros." quartette and Signor Claudio, the well known violinist, will be the extra attraction. The band programme has been well selected and promises to equal any yet given. It is contemplated that they will as in the past play to a capacity house.

Oak Bay Resignation

In reply to the letter of the Oak Bay council asking him to reconsider his determination to resign, Councillor Henderson has announced to the effect that he will withdraw his resignation if the council rescind the clause that was passed at the meeting changing the procedure for the purchase of goods to be used by the roads, bridges and sewer committee of the council. No reply to the councillor's letter has as yet been forthcoming.

Cigar Factory Locates Here

A McQueen, representative of the Inland Cigar company, Kamloops, is at present in the city. He states that about April 1 the company will transfer its plant and staff of twenty operatives to Victoria and will resume business in premises secured at the corner of Yates street and Commercial alley, as the Morena Cigar company. George A. Northwick, manager of the company, is a former resident of this city and is well known here, having taken a prominent part in local sport.

Livery Barns Change Hands.

The property known as the Metropolitan livery and sale stables on Yates street, above Blanchard, has been acquired by Messrs. Cameron and Caldwell, of the Capital livery and sale stables, Johnson street. A new and up-to-date sanitary barn will be erected immediately, where in connection with their present premises they will carry on a general livery, sale and boarding business. The old premises have proved altogether too small to accommodate their stock and running gear.

Had Stolen Other Articles

Robert Hitchen, who was arrested on Tuesday evening by Constable Webb, in whose back yard he was caught while skulking about the premises, has apparently been following his practice of petty thieving for some time. A visit to his bunk on the bridge three days ago disclosed the fact that he had stolen other articles of clothing, though the value of the whole is small. Women's dresses and other clothing were recovered, all of which the prisoner claims he was about to take to his wife in the old country.

Drawing Room Social.

A drawingroom social under the auspices of the literature committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, to missions will be held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Walker on Thursday evening. A lady who has spent many years as a missionary will deliver an address. During the evening both vocal and instrumental selections of sacred music will be rendered and the two little sons of Mr. George Fording will sing. Refreshments will be served. All members and friends of the W. A. are invited. Contributions will go to the boys' library fund.

Results of Rejoicing

The results of the seventeenth of Ireland were clearly seen in the police court yesterday, when no fewer than eleven drunks were lined up to greet the magistrate on his arrival in court, being the largest number gathered during any one day for a number of months. There was also a vagrant named Rose. He pleaded guilty to vagrancy not many weeks ago, and was given a chance to get out of town. He did not go and was rearrested. He complained yesterday of municipal interference with his plans, which will be further gone into today, when his case comes up on remand.

Insurance Arbitration

The Union Insurance company, represented here by E. M. Johnson, has refused to pay a claim presented to it on account of a total loss in the fire last summer, on the ground that the house had passed the age limit of 33, and the case is now being arbitrated before H. Slater, W. H. Bone and Mr. Campbell. W. J. Taylor, K. C., is acting for the company and Harold Robertson appeared for the claimant, Mrs. Barker. The loss claimed is \$2,000, of which \$500 is for the furniture, which was burned. As about a score of witnesses will testify on one side or the other, the arbitration is expected to last some time. The proceedings are being heard in the court house.

Runaway Causes Excitement.

What might have proved a serious accident occurred yesterday at the corner of Broad and Fort street shortly before 4 p.m. A horse attached to a wagon standing on Broad street, in which Lewis Baldwin, of Mount Toluine avenue, and Neil McDonald, of Oak Bay avenue, were seated, took flight at a passing auto and ran away. As running south along Broad the horse endeavored to take the turn down Fort to Government street, its feet slipped from under it and it crashed across the sidewalk on the south side, falling into the water under the window of Pemberton and Sons' offices. Mr. Baldwin was hurled from the rig and sustained a bad cut above the right eye which required several stitches. Mr. McDonald escaped without injury. The horse was slightly injured and the woodwork of the window was stove in.

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Bank Clearings
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Word of Sister's Death
Mrs. S. S. Burd of this city, has received the sad intelligence of the death of her sister, Kate, wife of Richard Knoll, Portland, on Friday last. Interment took place Sunday.

Personal Mention
B. A. Eardley, of Pacific Grove, Cal., is among the Californians sojourning here. He is a guest at the King Edward.
Mrs. J. M. Warren and Miss K. Matthews, of Seattle, are registered at the Drift hotel.
Wm. Manson is down from Port Simpson. He is a guest at the Empress hotel.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

Several matters were brought before Mr. Justice Martin in chambers yesterday.

Levy vs. Levy—J. P. Walls moved for leave for the defendant to be examined de bene esse. The application stands over till today for further and better affidavit. H. D. Helmcken, K. C., contra.

Re E. Carroll—An application by J. A. Alkman for an order nisi for a writ of certiorari by way of appeal from a decision of the police magistrate was refused on account of the magistrate's conviction not having been issued. Leave was granted to renew the application on the conviction being formally made. George A. Morphy appeared for the crown.

In the county court the motor boat case again occupied the whole day, most of which was taken up by the evidence of the defendant, Johnson and of J. E. Rebbeck, called as an expert. Mr. Rebbeck apparently thought that the construction of the boat, like that of most motor boats in his opinion, was too frail. The case will be continued today. W. H. Langley appeared for the plaintiffs and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for the defence.

LANDSLIDE BURIES E. & N. STEAM SHOVEL

Work on Filling in Bridge at Waugh Creek Will Be Delayed for Some Days

A land slide at the point beyond Waugh Creek, where the E. & N. steam shovel is working on the projected circuit to be made by the main line has temporarily put that implement out of business. It is altogether likely that another steam shovel will have to be brought from the mainland to dig the latter out.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a slight slide of clay and gravel occurred from the hill down to where the track is expected to run. The work train had just left the siding so that no men were near at the time. The shovel was thrown upon its side.

At 6 o'clock another slide occurred which half covered the shovel and which is much more serious than the first. This will delay work upon the filling for some days.
The B. C. Electric power lines from Goldstream pass within twenty feet of the place where the slide occurred. Preparations were at once made to shift the line and for twenty minutes it was being worked by hand. The work train had just left the siding so that no men were near at the time. The shovel was thrown upon its side.

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late Francis Burgess took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of the E. C. Funeral Furnishing company, where a service was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Gladstone. The following acted as pallbearers: R. Hall, L. Goodacre, E. J. Parsons, J. York, C. Wright, J. R. Ableson.

Jennie Marguerite, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hedley, of 630 Princess avenue, died yesterday after a brief illness lasting one month. The body was removed to Hanna's undertaking establishment, Yates street. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

On of the largest of the chestnut trees in the famous chestnut avenue in Bushey Park was pulled down by order of the office of works as it was considered unsafe. The tree was more than 200 years old.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., March 18, 1908.

SYNOPSIS.
An extensive high barometer area is spreading over the Pacific slope it will cause general fair weather and moderate winds. Hall accompanied by thunder occurred in this vicinity and a heavy rain gale, reported on the California coast. Zero temperatures have again occurred in the Prairie provinces.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	30	47
Vancouver	30	47
New Westminster	28	49
Kamloops	28	44
Barkerville	28	44
Port Simpson	32	42
Atlin	4	20
Dawson, Y. T.	8	6
Cakary, Alta.	16	38
Timmins, Man.	20	40
Portland, Ore.	36	46
San Francisco, Cal.	50	68

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, mostly northerly, generally fair, not much change in temperature.
Over Mainland: Light or moderate winds, generally fair and cold at night.
Highest temperature 49
Lowest temperature 22
Mean temperature 40
Rainfall, 18 in.; sunshine, 7 hours, 12 minutes.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.
Victoria meteorological office, 11th to 17th March, 1908:

The weather during this week was for the most part unsettled and rainy with the wind upon several occasions from Vancouver Island, the lower mainland and along the coast northward to

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Port Simpson. In Cariboo an abnormal amount of snow has fallen which has impeded traffic to a large extent. These conditions were caused by the eastward movement of several ocean storm areas across this province to Alberta and Montana. On the morning of March 13, a heavy southerly gale prevailed on the coasts of this island, the state of Washington and Oregon and at the mouth of the Columbia river an hourly velocity of 68 miles occurred. These conditions were caused by the eastward movement of several ocean storm areas across this province to Alberta and Montana. On the morning of March 13, a heavy southerly gale prevailed on the coasts of this island, the state of Washington and Oregon and at the mouth of the Columbia river an hourly velocity of 68 miles occurred. These conditions were caused by the eastward movement of several ocean storm areas across this province to Alberta and Montana. 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REPORTS RECEIVED FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Second Day's Session of Workers Proves of Interest

Yesterday afternoon the second session of the Sunday school convention was held in the Congregational church. A goodly number of officers and teachers were present and took a live interest in the proceedings. After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. G. R. B. Kinney, a round table conference on the home department was conducted by General Secretary Muirhead. Slips of paper with printed questions regarding this department of the Sunday school work were handed to those present and any one who wished was at liberty to call a number and the question marked by that number was answered by Mr. Muirhead.

Mrs. Lewis, superintendent of the primary class of the Metropolitan church, then taught her class of little ones in the presence of the convention. By means of the chart and sand-board the lesson was made very attractive to the class and the teachers present were greatly interested in watching Mrs. Lewis' methods of teaching. At the close of the lesson a round table conference on primary work was held and the work discussed from many standpoints.

The reports of the various departments were presented by the officers in charge. N. Shakespeare read the reports of the Cradle Roll, Home Department and International Bible Reading association. These all showed that good work was being done and as the figures in the report printed on this page show, an increase in membership. A. B. McNeill reported briefly for the "house to house visitation committee," and incidentally mentioned that next year the triennial census will be taken. Mr. J. M. Campbell read the normal department report as follows:

"Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen: It affords me great pleasure to report some measure of success in the department committed to my care. "Last year I reported a very successful course of lectures for teachers delivered by the Rev. Mr. Carson in the schoolroom of this church. These lectures were attended by representatives of almost all the Sunday schools in this city. So successful were these lectures considered that your executive requested me to organize a similar course this year. I did so and the result has been a course of ten lessons to teachers, given by our president, Rev. G. W. Dean, in the league room of the Metropolitan Methodist church.

"Last year Mr. Carson gave a course of lectures on principles and methods of teaching. This year, by request, Mr. Dean taught to the teachers present the lesson which they would be required to teach to their pupils the following Sabbath. Nine of these lessons have already been taught; the tenth and last will be given next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Those of you who have not had the privilege of attending any of these lectures so far will be cordially welcomed next Wednesday evening should you attend.

"About 50 of the Sunday school teachers of this city attended one or more of these lessons. The average attendance was 30 and the interest manifested was very great. I believe I voice the convictions of those teachers who attended when I say that if it were possible to gather together all the teachers in the city each year to such lessons and lectures as we have had this year and last, the efficiency of our teachers would be greatly increased. Mr. Carson and Mr. Dean have done their work well and are entitled to the best thanks of this association.

"In conclusion I wish to remark that it has been a real pleasure to me to visit during the past winter 16 of the Sunday schools of this city. The large attendance, the good order, and the general tone of all the schools were excellent. The great need is more teachers and increased efficiency, the work which the normal department is doing can contribute in even a small measure to that desirable result. I shall feel rewarded for the labor expended.

J. M. CAMPBELL.

In the absence of the treasurer, K. J. McKenzie, his report was presented by J. W. H. King, the secretary. This report showed that \$223.20 had been received from all sources and \$155.10 expended, leaving a balance in hand of \$68.10. On motion the report was adopted.

Miss Merton, the statistical secretary, then read a very interesting report of each Sunday school in the district which showed that there was a gain over last year in the schools which had reported, of more than 500 scholars. In every department a healthy progress was shown and the convention adopted the report, and expressed their gratitude for the painstaking manner in which the report had been prepared by Miss Merton. It was as follows:

Name of School.	Teachers.	Scholars.	H. Department.	C. Roll.	Total Sunday School Force.
Baptist—					
Burial	1	49		7	63
Calvary	13	100		113	
Central	11	109		120	
Emmanuel	14	101		115	
Victoria West	7	26		33	
Sanwich				41	
Congregational	9	80		110	
Episcopal—					
Ch. of Lord	12	120		49	172
Methodist—					
Alderlea	8	40		25	73
Centennial	33	270		303	
Esquimalt	10	150		157	
James Bay	10	150		157	
Metropolitan	33	480		513	
Spring Ridge	17	135		202	
Victoria West	14	102		116	
Westley's Vale	5	56		61	
Westley, Sidney	5	67		72	
Presby—					
First Presby.	24	192		216	
Knex	23	234		257	
St. Andrews	23	234		257	
St. Colombo	12	127		139	
St. Paul's	10	80		90	
Gordon Head	5	28		33	
Non-Denom.					
Harmony Hall	13	99		112	
Teachers and Officers	307				
Scholars		2,826			
Home Department		147			
Cradle Roll				567	
Grand Total				3,857	

Evening Session

At the evening session, the last of the convention, there was again a large attendance. Addresses were delivered by Stuart Muirhead who spoke

on the present demands in Sunday School work and gave much helpful instruction. Teachers, Rev. George Dean, president of the district branch also spoke on "The Sunday School in Relation to Good Citizenship." Rev. W. M. Rochester, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance and Rev. Mr. Moore also spoke briefly on the campaign for the better observance of the Sabbath.

The following officers of the Victoria District branch were elected: President, John McKenzie; secretary, J. W. H. King; treasurer, W. H. Parsons, home department and cradle roll, N. Shakespeare; primary department, Miss Aubin; normal department, J. M. Campbell; house to house visitation, E. A. Lewis; temperance, A. B. McNeill; statistical secretary, Miss S. J. Merton; adult bible class, George Carter.

CEDDIO MUST RETURN TO STAND HIS TRIAL

Necessary Extradition Papers Obtained From Washington

Antonio Ceddio, the Italian who, on Nov. 18, 1902, dynamited the Canada hotel at Niagara, B. C., and killed Louise King, daughter of the proprietor of the hotel, besides seriously injuring several others, will be brought back from Salt Lake City within a week or two to stand his trial for the murder of the girl. On Monday last the necessary papers were received from Washington and forwarded by the attorney-general's department to Chief Constable Davitt, of Nelson, who is at present at Salt Lake City and to whose efforts the capture of the Italian is in a great measure due. Ceddio will be brought back to Greenwood, where he will be put on trial for murder. He made but small opposition to the extradition proceedings brought against him and Constable Davitt has only been awaiting the necessary papers from Washington before leaving for his country.

An important link, it is claimed, has been added to the chain of evidence, whereby the authorities hope to convict Ceddio. It is stated that new evidence in the form of statements made by Ceddio to some of his compatriots, both at Spokane and Salt Lake City, who were in the state of Idaho and who are willing to return to this province to give evidence at the trial and possibly share in the \$1,000 reward offered, has been secured. This new evidence, in addition to what has already been obtained, is said to make a case which will be a strong one. The motive of the crime, one of the worst in the history of the province, was jealousy. Ceddio had been warned to desist in his attentions to Louise King and had been ordered to leave the hotel at Niagara at which he boarded. Determined to obtain revenge the Italian secured several sticks of dynamite with which he demolished the hotel and accomplished the murder of the girl.

APPOINT MR. HEISTERMAN

Succeeds E. Crow Baker as Treasurer of Orphans' Home—Management Committee Meets

At a meeting of the committee of management of the Protestant's Orphans' home held yesterday afternoon at the city hall, B. S. Heisterman was appointed a member of the board and also treasurer to take the place of E. Crow Baker, who has resigned. Miss Dinkins was appointed to the ladies' committee in place of Mrs. Crompton, who has resigned. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Berridge, secretary of the ladies' committee, who has been seriously ill for some time, was passed.

The repairs committee reported that the repairs to the plumbing at the home, considered by the plumbing inspector, will be made. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Cookson for the needed repairs to the bathrooms and lavatories and a general rearrangement generally. Those present at the meeting were: Charles Hayward, president; J. H. Lawson, L. Goodacre, H. Douglas Helmcken, K. C. Rev. Dr. Campbell and W. Seawcroft.

VICTORIA AT THE HEAD

Travelers Find Home Climate Far in Advance of the Eastern Variety

W. E. Losee, superintendent of the Vancouver Portland Cement company, who, with Mrs. Losee, has been making an extended trip through eastern Canada, returning by way of New York and Los Angeles, returned to the city on Saturday morning last. It was seventeen years since Mr. Losee had been east of the Rockies and he was particularly struck with the remarkable changes which have taken place in the cities of the Dominion and the great improvement in travel along the C. P. R. Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and other western centres which were but villages when last he saw them are now progressive cities, and rapidly growing. The great westward migration of the west will, in time, Mr. Losee believes, be carried to the seaboard via the Georgian canal, a project which he considers will prove of the greatest benefit to the Dominion. His fine street railway system and the evident signs of prosperity seem on every hand.

While at Toronto and at Detroit Mr. and Mrs. Losee encountered not only a very weary, a billiard rager at the latter city. From Detroit they went south, visiting on route the leading American cities of the middle states as far as New Orleans, where they stayed for short but a black-boned, experienced very cold weather. From there to Seattle the journey took in the leading coast cities. The travelers arrived home to find the climate better than at any place in the east, and that as far, if not further advanced than in the east. The more Mr. and Mrs. Losee saw of the rest of the continent the more convinced were they that Victoria possesses the finest climate of any place in the country.

CANADA MAY DENOUNCE TREATY WITH JAPAN

Reported That R. L. Drury Under Certain Conditions May So Act

R. L. Drury, who left last night for Japan, accompanied by his wife and family, on a mission for the Ottawa government goes to take up the work begun by Hon. Mr. Lemieux during his recent trip to Tokyo. The conference held between Count Hayashi, Japan's foreign minister and the Canadian Postmaster General resulted in an arrangement whereby Japan promised to restrict emigration to Canada. It will be part of Mr. Drury's duty to see that the arrangement is carried into to this end. If it be found that the restriction is not carried out it is reported that Mr. Drury is empowered to give notice that Canada will denounce the treaty with Japan. Mr. Drury is carrying credentials from Ottawa only, and has letters of introduction from the Dominion to Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister to Japan to whom he will report and will work in conjunction with the British representatives in his negotiations with Count Hayashi.

Since the negotiations with Count Hayashi by Hon. Mr. Lemieux, there has been much opposition in the Japanese public to any understanding given for the restriction of Japanese emigration, and Japanese newspapers receive in the mails by the steamer Kumeric contained interesting statements attributed by the Liberal News Agency, a Japanese news bureau of Tokyo, to Count Hayashi condemning haste on the part of the Japanese public to criticize the government's action with regard to diplomatic affairs. Referring to the emigration question, his excellency indicated that the attention of the authorities would be directed to strictly enforce the system of supervision hitherto operative, steps being especially taken to prevent the granting of passports to proxies. The probable effect would be a considerable reduction in the number of emigrants crossing to America. As for Mexico, the government had received intelligence which went to show that no opening existed there for Japanese emigrants. People spoke as if the country had been humiliated by the necessity of restricting the free movements of its own nationals, but as a matter of fact no new restrictions had been imposed. What had happened was that the instructions issued by the government in 1899 had been of late evaded by would be emigrants, and it had caused much trouble and expense to the United States government has reserved to itself by treaty the right of dealing with immigrants from Japan, and consequently if Japan did not voluntarily lend assistance to limit the number of her people crossing to the states, she might find herself at any moment confronted by a law such as that now applicable to Chinese in America. After all this was a question of laborers only, and the public ought to be careful not to attach too much importance to it.

It appears from intelligence gathered by the Asahi Shimbun that the anti-oriental fever has invaded China. The newspapers in that republic are said to have been writing in a very intemperate tone, and the treatment recently extended to a Japanese chartered steamer appears to have been exceedingly arbitrary. Fortunately the vessel had on board only four Japanese subjects, two in the first class and two in the second, but she had 60 Chinese in the steerage, and among them were two men suffering from beri beri and two afflicted with ophthalmia. The local medical authorities diagnosed these ailments as highly contagious, and the landing of anyone from the steamer was temporarily forbidden under threat of military measures, the practical character of which menace was demonstrated by posting armed soldiers at the landing place. There being no Japanese representative at the port, an appeal was made to the British authorities, but these advised the master of the vessel that the discussion consequent on such an appeal would be a tedious and lengthy affair, and suggested that his better course would be to wait until his return to Japan and to lodge a protest in Tokyo.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lowie—Roberts

The marriage of Mr. Francis F. W. Lowie and Miss Carrie Roberts was solemnized at St. John's church, on Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. A. Stanley Ard. The bride was given away by her father, R. Roberts, Cloverdale, and the bridesmaids were her two sisters, Miss Lucy Roberts and Miss Flora Roberts. Harold Roberts acted as best man. The wedding couple left on the Princess Royal yesterday for Seattle and the sound cities. After the honeymoon they will proceed to Skagway, where the groom is the C. P. R. telegraph operator.

Hamilton—Turner

A quiet but interesting wedding occurred yesterday in Christ church, Vancouver, when Rev. C. C. Owen united in marriage Miss Vera Hamilton, of that city, and Mr. G. M. Turner, of Victoria. The artistic decorations of palms, blooming plants and white flowers which were placed about the chancel steps made a pleasing background for the group which assembled there. The bride was handsomely gowned in a white minion princess gown, mounted on duchesse satin, with vest and sleeves threaded with silver, and Brussels lace draped over the shoulders and caught at the waist with a knot of silver cord and tassels over a girle of soft satin, while a hem of the same material finished the skirt. With this artistic gown she wore a tulle veil with a wreath of orange blossoms, a beautiful diamond pendant, the gift of her mother, and with touches of pale blue chiffon velvet, and a white straw hat with a wreath of pink roses and choux of pink ribbon. Her flowers were pink carnations. Mr. Hugo Turner acted as best man, and Mr. H. C. Hamilton gave away the bride. Among the guests were Mrs. Hamilton, the bride's mother, who wore a black voile gown stayed for short but a black-boned, experienced very cold weather. From there to Seattle the journey took in the leading coast cities. The travelers arrived home to find the climate better than at any place in the east, and that as far, if not further advanced than in the east. The more Mr. and Mrs. Losee saw of the rest of the continent the more convinced were they that Victoria possesses the finest climate of any place in the country.

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Jeremy, Miss Gradwell, Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes, Miss Collins, Mr. C. H. Macaulay, Mr. Rice and Mr. S. Busby. Mr. Walter Evans presided at the organ. Following the ceremony at the church a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Turner, on Georgia street, where congratulations were showered upon the bride and groom. The rooms were brightly decorated, and the luncheon table was very charming with white narcissus and pink carnations. The bride received many beautiful gifts. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a blue enamel pendant, and to the best man, a baroque pearl tiepin. Mr. and Mrs. Turner left for Victoria, where they intend to make their home. The bride's traveling costume was a handsome dark green chiffon cloth, finished with collar and cuffs of gold embroidered brocade, with which she wore a net blouse embroidered with gold, a white hat with pink roses and pale blue ribbon and rich sable furs.

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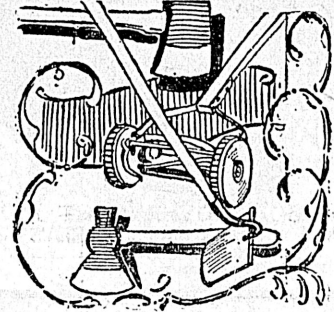
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Chocolate Biscuit

Cover three large baking pans with paper that has been well oiled with washed butter. Over these dredge powdered sugar. Melt in a cup one ounce of chocolate. Separate the whites and yolks a generous half cup of powdered sugar, and beat until light and firm. Add the melted chocolate and beat a few minutes longer. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff, dry froth. Measure out three-fourths of a cupful of sifted flour, and stir it and the whites and flour into the yolks. The whites and flour must be put in as lightly as possible, and with very little stirring. Drop the mixture in teaspoonfuls on the buttered paper. Sprinkle powdered sugar over the cakes, and bake in a slow oven for about fourteen or fifteen minutes. The mixture can be shaped like lady fingers, if preferred.

Mr. Joseph Bennett, formerly member of parliament for the Gainsborough division, left an estate valued at £242,000.

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In Woman's Realm

WOMAN'S WORK

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the Colonist is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communications from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

The Canadian Courier suggests that part of the sum raised for the celebration of the centennial of the Founding of Quebec shall be devoted to paying for historical pictures of Canadian scenes painted by Canadian artists. It is said that the reason such pictures have not been painted before is that there has been no demand for such work.

We are accustomed to think that painters like poets, choose their subjects for other reasons than because of the price the pictures will bring. There have been, in Canada no want of scenes that should inspire an artist to do great work.

The greatest of Canadian portrait painters, Robert Harris, C.B., has in his "Fathers of Confederation" and the picture of the first Jesuit missionary, Father Le Jeune, entered upon this field of work. These pictures are among the earliest efforts of the artist but they show what might be accomplished.

The habit of carrying deadly weapons is one that is seldom productive of anything but harm. Men who have lived in the most dangerous communities without suffering loss or injury have gone about unarmed. To people of quiet and strong passions, especially the concealed weapon is a terrible temptation. The flash of temper which would have passed harmlessly away, if the knife or the pistol had not been at hand, may result in murder. Even little children should not be encouraged to use the dangerous toy pistols which are apt to be very unsafe play things.

A plan has been set on foot in Toronto to send the people, most of them newly arrived immigrants, who have through the past winter formed a burden on the community, to the country. They are to be provided with land, implements and stock and then left to shift for themselves. The plan ought to succeed but anyone who is familiar with farm life will not be disappointed if among these inexperienced farmers there are many failures. What do men and women brought up in a city know about the manifold duties of a farm? In the phrase of the day, life on the farm is known as the "simple life." But it does not require much experience or an intimate knowledge of conditions in the country to know that the duties a farmer and his wife are called upon to perform are by no means simple. Even the knowledge which is gained from books or from stories is of little use to be effective, be grafted on to the practical acquaintance with the land which is only thoroughly made by those who have grown up upon it. The expression "sons of the land" has a deep significance. It is easy for the farmer who has been brought up on the farm to return to it after many years spent in other pursuits, and make a splendid success of agriculture. But, though with industry, good judgment, and a willingness to learn, a city bred man can learn to manage a farm, the work must necessarily be slow and difficult, requiring much patience and good perseverance.

Adversity is a stern teacher and the men and women who almost starved and perished last winter, will if they are worth anything, strain every nerve to make a success of their new venture and in the end they will succeed.

Some one has discovered that women in these days do not cry so much as those of a past generation. If this is true, it may indicate either that we do not feel as deeply as women did in the old days or that we are stronger physically. Crying is a large matter of temperament and health.

The careless, shallow, heartless woman seldom cries nor does her strong self-contained sister. Even those who cry easily seldom do so when very deeply moved. There are indeed "thoughts that lie too deep for tears."

"A good cry" is a very troublesome indulgence and if the women of these days have learned to dispense with it they are to be congratulated.

If, as is reported, Kipling intends to spend the summer in Prince Edward Island, we may hope in the future to see pen pictures of very lovely scenes from his shiffling hand. During the summer months the Garden of the Gulf is a delightfully restful place. Whether one drives along the beach, saunters through the carefully cultivated fields, or follows in a boat the winding of some long inlet the sense of beauty cannot fail to be gratified.

On account of the very inclement weather the reception held by Mrs. Day, president of the Women's council, at her beautiful home, Dorreen, was not as well attended as it would otherwise have been. The hostess spared no pains to make her guests feel at home and a delightful afternoon was spent by all present. The bountiful spread table was gay with daffodils, and violets were given as favors to each guest.

When tea was over all returned to the drawing room and Mrs. Day, after a few pleasant words, read the following letter:

Victoria, B. C., March 17, 1903.
Dear Mrs. Spofford,—We, your fellow workers in the executive of the local council of women, wish to express our very sincere regret that you feel obliged to sever your official connection with us in order to respond to a call to service in a larger field of action.

During the four years in which you have held office as corresponding secretary, we have enjoyed the intimacy and assistance of your warm and kind words and have always regarded you as a faithful officer, a wise and impartial adviser and a fluent and ready speaker while your moderation and kindly spirit have restrained too hasty judgment or impulsive action.

We shall miss your presence and help when other duties compel your absence, but we trust such occasions will be rare indeed and in order that you may ever be "one of us," not only bound by the silken cords of love, but actually one of the great sisterhood of which we form a part, we have great pleasure in presenting you with this certificate which constitutes you a life member of the local council of some of Victoria and Vancouver Island, with which you have been so long and so acceptably connected, a connection which, we pray, may continue unbroken for many happy years to come.

Wishing you every success in your future work, we are, affectionately yours,

LILLA DAY, President.

MARGARET JENKINS, Recording Secretary.

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Mrs. Day then explained the symbolism of the border of which she said she had hoped would have been presented to Mrs. Spofford by Lady Crease. The venerable lady had found it impossible to be present but had sent a very affectionate personal letter which Mrs. Day read aloud, but which, it is felt, is of too tender and confidential a nature for publication.

Mrs. Spofford received her certificate and letters, which were handed her by the president, said: "There was once a little child who, on being shown her own photograph, persisted in saying it was that of a little girl, but did not know it was herself. It seems to me that some other woman of whom all these kind things are being said, and I fail to recognize myself in the good woman your kind words have painted."

"I feel that very often my work was imperfectly done, and that I have made blunders which I would gladly have corrected. Your beautiful gift and the letters, which were totally unexpected, shall be added to the number of those treasures which a woman holds as her dearest possessions."

"My work among you has been a pleasure. I shall always feel thankful that I have been permitted in taking part in the work of the Women's council. I have always considered it a privilege to be brought into contact with women who are workers in a good cause. No cause is more worthy the efforts of superior women than that of bettering the condition of women and children."

Mrs. Spofford concluded by thanking the ladies for their kind appreciation and said that the step she had taken had cost her much thought and many struggles.

Mrs. Jenkins said that Mrs. Spofford was among those who were so fortunate as to have the will and the power to work, and she hoped in the sphere of activity in which she was now engaged she would have as much or greater success than had previously attended her efforts.

Miss Crease, Mrs. McKicking and Miss Mary Lawson added their tribute of praise to the retiring officer with whom they had so long been associated. With mutual good wishes the very pleasant incident was closed.

The ladies present were Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Snider, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. W. H. Parsons, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. McKicking, Mrs. McNaughton, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Van Sant, Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Savory.

Sea Water as a Beverage

Sea water has been converted into a beverage. A little citric acid or chloride of silver is added to the briny liquid, chloride of silver is precipitated, and a harmless mineral water is produced. One ounce of citrate renders a half pint of water drinkable. Seven would furnish a shipwrecked man with water for a week. The question is how to secure citrate for shipwrecked men. It is recommended that those who go to sea carry with them a bottle of citrate protected by an india-rubber covering, or that such bottles should be furnished in life preservers. If, with presence of mind, shipwrecked folk remember to take these with them, all the agonies of thirst portended in nautical stories may remain unrealized fiction.

Substitute for Pearl Buttons

Mother-of-pearl buttons often represent a heavy item in the nursery budget out of proportion to their importance, the rapidity with which they disappear from garments which are not washed at home being one of the unaccountable mysteries of laundry establishments in general. A good substitute for pearl buttons where little frocks and pinafores, overalls and smocks are concerned is, however, that of plain linen buttons, covered with the material of which the garments are made, these being sewed on rather than the reverse, whilst a few scraps of the material laid aside when it is made up will provide the basis for any number of button-renewals.

About Women

The first woman to take a medical degree, Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, reached her eighty-seventh birthday on the 3rd of February. Dr. Blackwell's home is in Hastings, Eng., and it was thought that King Edward might possibly extend to her the Order of Merit, as he did to Florence Nightingale on her last birthday. Although this did not come, it is recalled that Charles Kingsley declared it would be in order for Queen Victoria to knight Dr. Blackwell.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

Mayor Hall left this morning for Vancouver, where he will attend the opening of the big Horse Show, which starts today at that city.

Chief of Police J. Langley left this morning for Vancouver. He will discuss with Chief Chamberlain the question of uniforms and other matters pertaining to police work. Chief Langley will be absent for a day or two.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, and Rev. T. A. Moore, who have been in the city for short time, left this morning for Vancouver en route east.

J. M. Henderson, wholesale druggist, left this morning for Vancouver where he will attend the horse show.

W. S. Johnson left this morning via the Princess Victoria and the C. P. R. for Montreal.

H. E. Munday is making a short business trip to Vancouver.

Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria this morning were: A. McLean, Miss Angus, Mrs. Tolmie, Miss Munsey, J. Fountaine, A. R. Kelly, W. Woodman, Mrs. Gray, W. Bruze, A. McQueen, A. J. Hamlin, H. W. Canavan, Miss Clements, W. H. Baycott, Miss Hore, R. E. Bullock, Capt. Colchester, J. Richards, Mrs. Vincent, G. C. Taylor, H. Munro, Miss Brown, Mrs. Grant.

Hon. Richard McBride and Mrs. McBride left this morning for Vancouver, where he will attend the horse show.

F. T. Sherborne, contractor of Vancouver, is a visitor in the city and is registered at the Dominion hotel. He left this morning on the Princess Victoria for home.

G. H. Ashton, of the provincial police, who is stationed at Greenwood, is registered at the Dominion.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

G. C. Campbell, who is interested in northern mines, and who has been spending a few days in the city, left this morning for Vancouver.

A. E. Williams, a resident of Regina, who has been spending the past two months in the city visiting friends will leave in a few days for his home in the east.

John Arbuthnot, of this city, was a passenger over the E. N. railway to South Wellington yesterday.

C. B. Sword, Dominion fisheries inspector, who is located at New Westminster, passed through the city yesterday from Nanaimo on his way to New Westminster.

J. Goodfellow, assistant superintendent of the E. & N. railway, went over the company's lines yesterday to Wellington on a trip of inspection.

T. G. Brae, chief clerk to Assistant Superintendent Goodfellow, of the E. & N. railway, who has been in Wellington for the past two days on departmental business, returned to the city yesterday.

Dr. J. W. Graham and W. G. Findley, of the local Y. M. C. A., will attend the conference of the physical directors of the association to be held in Seattle on March 30. All of the coast physical directors will attend this session to meet Dr. C. J. Fisher, of New York, the head of the physical department of the association throughout the world.

Alexis Martin, of Vancouver, is visiting the city.

E. C. Reid left Monday for Vancouver whether he has been transferred to the head office of the National Finance company.

T. R. Hooper, of Hooper & Watkins, architects, returned from Vancouver yesterday by the Princess Victoria.

Fred J. Hall, traveler, arrived home last night by the Princess Victoria.

Capt. C. Gardner Johnston, Lloyd's agent at Vancouver, was a passenger by the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday.

A. H. Bostock arrived from Vancouver yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria.

Miss Bell and Miss Higgins, of Portland, Ore., arrived by the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday morning on their way to Port Essington.

Capt. Owen, pilot, was a passenger from Seattle yesterday morning on the Princess Beatrice.

Mrs. Alex. McDermott and son returned from Green River Springs by the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday morning.

Capt. C. Jordison, pilot, arrived from Tacoma yesterday to take the steamer Kumerie to the Sound.

W. L. McCabe, of McCabe & Hamilton, stevedores, was a passenger to Victoria by the Princess Beatrice yesterday morning.

A. B. Calder, of Seattle, was a passenger on the Princess Beatrice yesterday.

J. H. Fox, of the Commercial Boiler Works, Seattle, paid a flying visit to his mother, Mrs. Jenkins, on Tuesday.

Gingerbread

Dissolve one teaspoon soda in one-half cup cold water, add one cup molasses, one-fourth cup melted butter, one cup flour mixed with two teaspoons baking powder, and enough more flour to roll out half an inch thick. Lay it into a greased and floured pan, brush the top with molasses and bake in quick oven. Or mix softer and spread on pan.

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PREMIER MCBRIDE WILL OPEN BIG HORSE SHOW

Vancouver Show Which Starts Today Will Have Record Entry

Hon. Mr. McBride and Mrs. McBride, and the Hon. Mr. Bowser and Mrs. Bowser, went over this morning to Vancouver, where at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the premier in opening the horse show at the drill shed will deliver a brief address.

The horse show, which opens today in the Terminal city, promises to be an unequalled success with the magnificent total of over seven hundred entries, a high mark for any Pacific coast show, and one of the largest in the history of the city.

The official ceremonies in connection with the opening of this afternoon will be of the briefest possible description. The premier will open the show in person. He will make a short address, declaring the show open and the ceremonies will be at an end.

The big batch of horses came in from Seattle by train after a stormy passage. There are some first-class horses in this lot, and Mr. Condit will be very disappointed if they are not all sold.

The tallies will be the first shown today. They are scheduled to enter the ring as soon as the opening ceremonies are concluded. There are three entries in this class. There will come the standardbred stallions, of which there are seven to be examined by the judges.

Eleven single horses in heavy harness are next. The ladies' saddle horse class, always a popular one, will be the fourth on the list. There are fifteen of them.

Probably the largest individual owner of thoroughbreds at present in British Columbia is Mr. W. K. MacPherson, in whose string are several of the most royally-bred gallopers of Canada.

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show are: San Remo, a superb chestnut, by the \$125,000 English Derby winner St. Blaise. Pretense is the exact counterpart of his famous sire and a perfect specimen physically. Last Knight, a rich sea brown stallion, which will probably meet with as much public admiration owing to his winning ways.

In the few weeks his owner has been teaching him he has developed unusual intelligence and will form no small part in the show; but Happy's favorite is a very meek looking three-year-old untitled filly by Ossary, the greatest and son of the immortal Ormonde (the horse of the century).

John S. Baker, of Tacoma, brought two saddle horses in Monday. Miss Baker has accompanied her father and will ride and drive horses in the various classes. One of the pair is a combination horse, while the other, a Thoroughbred, is a five-gaited performer.

The decoration of the Drill hall was completed yesterday. The interior of the structure has been transformed into a veritable fairland by the efficient work of the experienced decorators in charge. The roof is a mass of blue and gold bunting, white flags and pennants.

The officials who will have charge of the show are all distinguished horsemen. The judges will be William Murray of Crowe & Murray, Toronto; Dr. Warnock of Pincher Creek, Sask.; and William McLeod, Lieutenant Sixth Hussars, Montreal. Mr. Murray is one of the best known horsemen in Canada.

There has been keen competition among the Vancouver city merchants for the prizes of \$50 offered for the best decorated window, as a tour through the city streets will attest. A large number of windows have been specially arranged for the competition and the judges will have difficulty in making the awards. The winners will be announced on Friday.

Cat Show Will Be Feature.

Not the least of the features of the coming dog and cat show in this city will be the exhibition of the latter. This part of the big show will include the last two days. Every provision has been made by the committee who have the matter in hand and every precaution will be taken to insure the safety of the pussies. All varieties and descriptions of cats will be entered and it is likely that the judge will have some difficulty in deciding the merit of the various entries on points. A special judge will have charge of this department, which will be opened on the morning of the third of April.

LONGBOAT AFTER BIG GAME

Intention to Enter Indian in Several Short Distance Runs at Olympic Games

Toronto, March 18.—President Flanagan of the Irish Athletic club says that provided the Canadian Olympic games began today in a qualification round, he would enter an Indian in the longboat in the mile and five-mile events as well as in the Marathon. The two shorter races are to be held earlier than the Marathon and he thinks the shorter distances will put the Indian on edge for the 25-mile race.

PUGILISTS ARE READY FOR MILL TONIGHT

Adams and McNamee Will Step Into Ring Trained to the Minute

Up till a late hour last night the principals for the big fight fixture tonight in the A. O. U. W. hall for the Vancouver championship of British Columbia were disputing over the question of the referee and when the conference closed the men had not agreed upon a man to act in that capacity.

Adams said that under no consideration would he agree to a local acting, at least any of the men that were suggested by the promoters. He would not fight under a local referee, and he would not fight under a local referee who he thought should be acceptable to his opponent. McNamee, however, could not see it that way and was determined to have a local man referee the match.

Both stated last night that they were in the best of condition and able to go the twenty rounds at the fastest kind of a clip and that if defeated the blame would not be from lack of condition. The pugilists have both been handed by very capable men. Donaldson, of the J. B. A. A. acting as sparring partner for Adams and Duffy of the Y. M. C. A. for McNamee. Adams will be seconded by J. Bennett, a Seattle lightweight and Kid McPhadden, while Duffy will probably be one of the ones behind Gunner McNamee.

There will be two last preliminaries, the first a six-round "go" between Kid Wilson and Charles Mitchell at 135 pounds. Both are very clever and the bout should be a splendid one. The names of the principals in the other bout have not as yet been made public but the management promises that it will be a bumper.

J. B. A. A. AND Y. M. C. A. MAY COME TOGETHER

Return Basketball Game May Be Played Between Two Crack Victoria Teams

Everything points to a return match between the J. B. A. A. basketball team and the Y. M. C. A.'s champions of the city and district league in the very near future. The management of the Y. M. C. A. is not satisfied with the result of the last game in which these two teams met and are confident that they have a better team than the J. B. A. A. quintette the latter were successful in defeating them by a single point in their recent match which was played to decide which was the better of the two teams.

The J. B. A. A. people are just as confident that they can duplicate their last performance and it is likely that the teams will meet the wishes of the management of the Y. M. C. A. and decide to play them a return game before the basketball season becomes a thing of the past.

Certain it is that the patrons of the game would be more than pleased to see the two teams meet again. A crowd would be on hand to witness a match that would probably be as interesting and as exciting as the last one that these teams played.

Both Manager Donaldson and Physical Instructor Findley are confident that the boys representing their respective organizations will be at the top of the heap when the game is finished if the clubs come to an agreement to play, and will start again to get their charges into condition for the fray as soon as a date is set for the match.

Canadian Teams Play Stellar Hockey. New York, March 18.—The Wanderers of Montreal, holders of the Stanley Cup, and the Shamrocks of Montreal, last night played the finest game of hockey in New York this year, the game being won by the Wanderers by a score of 12 to 7. The game was fast and clean throughout and both sides put up a hard fight. The team work of the Shamrocks was much better than that of the Wanderers but the latter won the contest on the strength of their individual work, getting many more shots at the goal than their opponents.

BIG INTERNATIONAL TEAM IN DEADLOCK

Y. M. C. A. Basketball Championship Hinges on Reply of Seattle to Vancouver

It looks as though there was going to be trouble in deciding the international Y. M. C. A. basketball championship and the two contenders for the title are at present practically deadlocked making arrangements which will satisfactorily settle the question.

The outcome of the whole affair may be that the lovers of basketball in this city have an opportunity of seeing the two big teams play in Victoria for the championship of the league in a sudden death game and if this comes to pass, one of the fastest and most exciting games that has yet been played in the big league series will result.

Seattle and Vancouver, who are at the top of the league are at present fighting out their differences through communications, the latter claiming that they are tied for the championship with Vancouver, while the Terminal city people contend that they have won one more game than the Americans, that at Bellingham. Although the Vancouver team defeated the Seattle team they are not credited with a win, because Bellingham is reported to have dropped out of the league.

Seattle did not go to Bellingham, but the Bay city quintette was always willing to play, although they could not play a return match on account of lack of funds.

The Vancouver club have taken the bit in their teeth and have wired a telegram to Seattle to the effect that the Sound city players must play Bellingham if they want to play Vancouver for the championship.

Vancouver, Victoria, Tacoma, Hoquiam and Seattle have played in Bellingham, but the home team could not play a return match in the above cities. Vancouver was the only combination that won in the Bay City, and should be credited with a victory, but, according to the men who follow the basketball game on the sound and who are adepts of manipulating things, Bellingham is out of the league.

Vancouver has played fourteen games, winning twelve, while Seattle has played thirteen, winning eleven. In any event if the series ends in a draw as it is almost sure to do even if Seattle goes to Bellingham, there is a strong possibility of the final and deciding contest being played here.

Physician Director George A. Smith, of the Vancouver Y. M. C. A. is willing that this should be the place and Instructor Findley of the local Y. M. C. A. is using his influence to have the big game played here. The management of the Seattle club have not been heard from in the matter. If the Seattle club refuse to play there is no question but that the hall in which it would be played would be crowded to the doors.

BALDWIN WON SECOND

Second Race in Five Day Contest Was An Exciting Affair All the Way

Baldwin won the roller skating race last night at the Assembly rink in what was undoubtedly one of the fastest and most exciting contests that has ever been held in this city. All three of the skaters who were started by Manager McNamee, got off to an even start and not a single mishap marred the progress of the race from the start to the finish.

The distance of the race was two miles and the time made 14 minutes, which was very fast going. Baldwin, of the J. B. A. A. led by a third of a lap, with Bendro second and Hild third. The last three days of the racing left and last night's losers promise to be heard from in the race tonight when these three will probably meet.

Manard Won at Pool.

The match between McQuarrie and Manard at Rendell's pool parlor resulted in a win for Manard, 200 to 176 balls. The next game will be played Friday evening.

Fought to a Draw.

Glenfalls, N. Y., March 18.—Jimmy Briggs of Boston and George Golden of Albany, fought six fast rounds before the Central Athletic club last night. Briggs had a shade the better of the encounter.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

Monthly Concert and Dance Proves Enjoyable Affair—Society is Growing

St. Andrew's society's monthly concert and dance held last evening was the most successful of the many enjoyable events which have been given by it. The large attendance necessitated the management moving from the upstairs hall at the O. U. W. hall to the larger hall downstairs and even then the accommodation was taxed to the utmost. Over one hundred couples were present, and after a concert an enjoyable dance was held. The evening's entertainment was opened by a stirring selection by the pipe band, under the leadership of Pipe Major Melvor and President P. J. Riddell welcomed the guests in a short speech, in which he congratulated the members of the society on their growth during the past year, the membership now being well over the hundred mark.

An excellent programme was rendered, every number being heartily appreciated. The songs by Mrs. Butler and Mr. Dobbie being loudly applauded and the singers being forced to respond to several encores. After the concert refreshments were served, and the dancing was kept up till an early hour.

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GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION PROGRAMME ATTRACTIVE

Y. M. C. A. Will Give Excellent Entertainment to Mark Close of Season

Physical instructor Findley of the local Y. M. C. A. yesterday morning gave out the official programme for the monster closing gymnastic exhibition that will be held under the auspices of the association on April 4 in the Assembly roller rink to mark the close of the indoor athletic season.

The programme will be one of the most interesting and entertaining that has ever been held by the association, and will afford an opportunity for the public who are interested in this branch of the work that the Y. M. C. A. is doing in this city to form an idea of the splendid results that are being achieved by the physical instructor in this important sphere.

The programme will be specialized by several prominent features and several of the numbers that will be introduced will be entirely new departures from any line that have been seen on a local platform. Among these are the towel drill and artistic marching and a grand display of muscular development by Ronald Heiter, one of the most promising of Mr. Findley's many promising pupils.

The programme as given out by the instructor and which will be followed with but few if any alterations is as follows: Artistic marching. Towel drill. Pyramids. Tumbling. First half Vancouver vs. Victoria, basket ball match. Grand display of muscular development by Ronald Heiter. Bag punching exhibition by Oswald Margison. Second half, Vancouver vs. Victoria basketball match.

It will be seen at a glance that the programme as arranged is most attractive and providing of course that the performances are meritorious and Instructor Findley states the principals in the various numbers have been training faithfully under his tuition and will give an exhibition that will be second to none that has ever been given here by amateurs.

Lovers of basketball will have an opportunity of witnessing the crack Vancouver Y. M. C. A. team in action against the locals and this in itself should be worth the price of admission. The halves of the playing time have as will be noticed in the programme been split up and instead of continuous play the first playing period will take place in the middle of the programme and the second half at the end of the performance.

The artistic marching will be one of the most striking features of the programme and will be entered into by this event. The marching will consist of the formation of difficult figures and the closing one will be the letters Y. M. C. A. in marching company. This formation is said to be almost perfect in its uniformity.

In the towel drill the number that will take part will be the same as in the artistic marching. The drill will present a pretty spectacle as the participants will be dressed all in white, white jerseys and white pants, with a red sash around the waist. The drill in which each of the participants carries a towel and goes through a variety of exercises is very neat and a fine exercise for physical development.

Physical instructor Findley states that the number under the heading "grand display of muscular development" will astonish the audience as Ronald Heiter, who is but seventeen years old, is one of the most perfectly developed specimens of man that it would be possible to find. This number will be a display of muscle from the waist up by calcium light. The different poses will include the muscles at rest and in action, and the development of each particular group and others.

Oswald Margison's bag punching performance is another of the specialties that will come in for great attention of the applause because as a bag artist Margison is capable of playing any old kind of a tune on the board. The tumbling also will reach the high standard that has been set in the other events. The performance promises to be one of the most creditable that has ever been given in the city and a large crowd is probably to be present to witness the entertainment.

SALVATION ARMY TO REBUILD BARRACKS

Financial Secretary Here Collecting Funds for the Purpose—Work Proving Successful

Adjutant Thomas Bloss, financial secretary of the Salvation Army for the coast of British Columbia, who came over from the headquarters in Vancouver towards the end of last week, is at the present time actively engaged in the collection of \$5,000. This will be used for improving and remodeling the Army's quarters on Broad street north. He reports that he has already achieved a very considerable degree of encouragement in his canvass. Three prominent merchants have promised \$100 each, and matters are in such shape that he has no doubt whatever as to the ultimate result.

The building which occupies a lot some 60x125 feet, will eventually be divided by means of a flooring inserted at the height of 20 feet into two stories of 20 feet each. A Sunday school for adults as well as children will be provided; and the officers of the local corps will be furnished suitable apartments in the front of the building.

The band, moreover, has been materially strengthened by the arrival on Sunday last of nine experienced men chosen from among the handsmen of the largest corps in the old country, and now consists of 18 men.

Staff Capt. Miss Hayes and Capt. Miss Kandrup have been most successful in the army's work in Vancouver, and who have just taken charge of the work here, have become very popular. It is apparent that their Vancouver successes will be repeated here. Their first meeting, on Sunday evening last, was very largely attended. The army's regular adherents in this city number some 250, as against some 600 in Vancouver. The officers are confident that the local corps will within a couple of years be quite as strong as that of Vancouver.

Adjutant Bloss is by no means a novice in the gentle art of obtaining generous subscriptions towards the advancement of the army's work. Only last year he found his services difficult in securing \$12,000 in the City of Vancouver, thirty merchants subscribing \$100 each; one merchant \$500, and another \$250.

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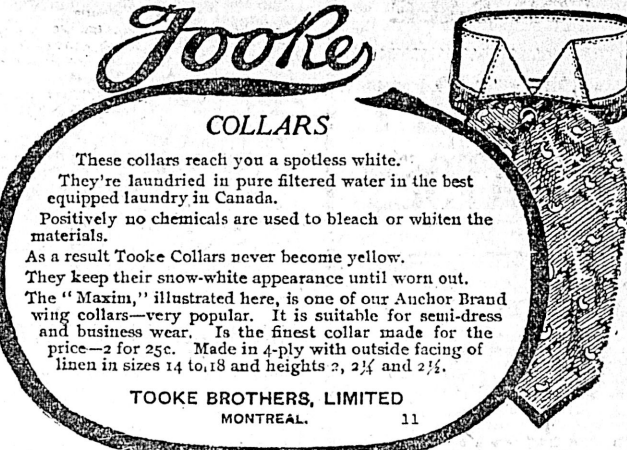
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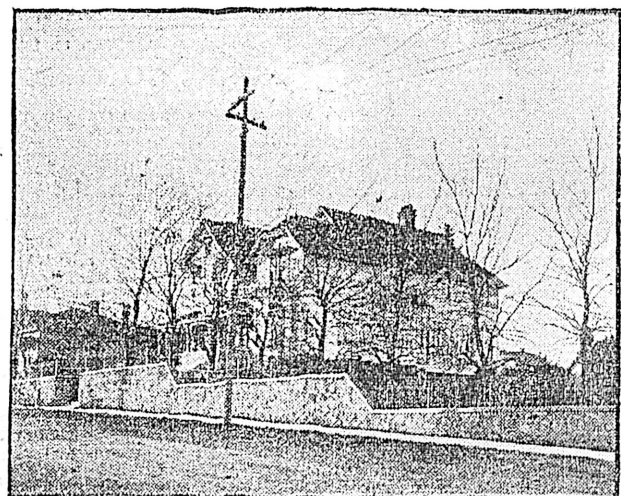
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CROWD GUESSING AT LEADERS' PLANS

Much Uncertainty Regarding Future of Alleged Bull Movement

New York, March 13.—The stock market gave evidence today of the continued operation of a considerable force in the speculative movement. The movement shifted so constantly, however, and has presented such sharp contradictions that it greatly confused speculation until stocks were unloaded in haste.

The principal anxiety of the followers of the speculation had to do with the conjectured plans of the leaders, who succeeded in so befogging their actions as to leave the would-be followers in considerable distress. The strong recovery on yesterday's late market was held to indicate that the bull leadership had let down the prices on Monday and early yesterday merely to shake off a weak speculative following, and to buy back stocks which they had sold out at a profit.

The sharp break which developed today after a moderate advance proved disconcerting to this view. Incidents in the day's movement against a rise in prices. The market showed primary response, however, to the principal of these, the reduction in the New York Central dividend from a 6 to a 5 per cent basis. This action caused no great surprise, as the original advance in the dividend was regarded, in view of the market, as bearing rather on the making attractive of new issues in contemplation than on the rate of earnings of the company. The effect of the announcement was to cause a general reaction in the line stocks, notably Pennsylvania. It was aggravated by the heavy decline in net earnings for February reported by the B. & O.

The omission of the dividend on United Typewriter stock was of some effect, as an evidence of a prevailing tendency. The picking out of National for a sharp advance, evidently for sustaining effect on the general list, was based upon its sustained dividend increase, and the proportion of its price to the dividend compared with other prominent industrial stocks. The knowledge that men influential in the steel trade were in conference in this city, and intimations that trade conditions there reported were not bearing out recent predictions of betterment, weighed on the market severely, and made the most substantial factor in the weakness which developed. Final slight recoveries from the low point of the break were plainly due to temporary covering of shorts.

Bonny were quoted. Total sales, par value, \$2,450,000. U. S. stocks registered declined 1-4 per cent on call.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

By F. W. Stevenson.

New York, March 13, 1906.

Amal. Coppr.	Opn.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am. Car. Fdy.	30 3/4	30 3/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
Am. Cot. Oil.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Am. Loco.	37 1/2	37 1/2	36 3/4	36 3/4
Am. Smelters.	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
do pfd.	94	94	94	94
Am. Sugar.	12 1/4	12 1/4	11 3/4	11 3/4
Anacosta.	37 1/2	37 1/2	36 3/4	36 3/4
Am. B. & O.	82 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
do pfd.	82	82	80 1/2	80 1/2
B. & O.	82 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
C. P. R.	14 3/4	14 3/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
Cent. Leather.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/4
C. P. and I.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20	20
C. and O.	30 1/2	30 1/2	29 3/4	29 3/4
C. M. and St. P.	119 1/2	119 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
C. T. and T.	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
do pfd.	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
D. and R. G.	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
do pfd.	51	51	49 1/2	49 1/2
Erie.	15 1/2	15 1/2	14 3/4	14 3/4
F. M. and S.	70 1/2	70 1/2	70	70
Gen. Nor. pfd.	123	123	120	120
Met. St. Ry.	17 1/2	17 1/2	17	17
MSP. S. S. M.	104 1/2	105	103	103
do pfd.	104 1/2	105	103	103
Mo. Pac.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
N. Y. C. and H.	100	100	99	99
N. and W.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/4	63 1/4
do pfd.	80	80	80	80
N. Y. O. and W.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/4	32 1/4
Penn.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
People's Gas.	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/4	88 1/4
Pr. Steel Car.	22 1/2	22 1/2	21 3/4	21 3/4
Reading.	105 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Railroad.	105 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
do pfd.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/4
S. P.	74 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
do pfd.	110 1/2	110 1/2	110	110
S. R.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
do pfd.	81 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
U. P.	126 1/2	126 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
do pfd.	80	80	80	80
U. S. Steel.	34 1/2	34 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
do pfd.	80 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Wabash.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/4	9 1/4
do pfd.	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/4
West. Union.	49 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Money on call.	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4

GOVERNMENT HEARS WATER WORKS CASE

Counsel for the City and Corporations Affected State Their Positions

(Continued from Wednesday's daily)

The conclusion of the statements of claims presented by counsel on Monday last to the provincial government with regard to the Victoria waterworks case, follows:

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Is not Mr. Adams' estimate \$500,000?"

Mr. Taylor: "Mr. Adams asked for time to make an estimate; and those figures are the figures of the Company."

"As a power proposition the cost, it is supposed, will not exceed \$332,000. In view of the foregoing estimates, that the entire plant on Goldstream cost possibly \$238,000 and no more than \$450,000, negotiations might be entered upon the basis of \$350,000, which is between the sums."

Mr. Lutton: "It is evident that in these proceedings you have an ulterior motive."

Mr. Taylor: "Mr. Adams is a San Francisco engineer of high standing and of great reputation."

Mr. Lutton: "But he is inaccurate in his figures."

Mr. Taylor: "There is certainly some difference between the estimates of \$18 and \$33 a foot."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "Did the offer of \$600,000 include Thetis Lake, etc.?"

Mr. Lutton: "It was for the whole thing. I believe that \$400,000 was offered for Thetis Lake and \$200,000 for the balance of our property."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Are we to understand that the sum of \$200,000 is a fair offer for the Goldstream property?"

Mr. Taylor: "Yes."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Have you a report by an expert upon the value of the Company's property?"

Mr. Lutton: "No. The Company's works cost about \$800,000, taking into consideration the dividends which were spent in improving the property."

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "We would like to have a detailed statement."

Mr. Lutton: "If the city wants a tunnel they need not go through our reservoir site. Mr. Adams indeed says that a pipe line and not the tunnel is the cheaper proposition."

Mr. Taylor observed that the figures given by Mr. Adams in valuation had come from the Esquimalt Waterworks Co.

Mr. Bowser: "If the city will join with us and allow the Vancouver agreement to be brought into force here we will not only consent to the maximum rates, which I have mentioned, but we will charge the citizens of Victoria the same rates which we are at the present time charging in Vancouver."

In reply to a question Mr. Bodwell said: "It would pay the city to arrange with us for lighting their streets and the present poorly-lit streets clearly show the difficulties which a municipality encounters when it enters on the lighting business."

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "The city has the aid of the Esquimalt."

Mr. Bowser: "Yes; there are statutory nights when the moon is supposed to shine."

Mr. Taylor: "But we want materially to alter this state of affairs."

Mayor Hall: "Could you connect with our present lighting system?"

Mr. Bodwell: "We offered to do so two years ago."

Mayor Hall: "Could you connect directly with our system?"

Mr. Bodwell: "We can give you anything you like."

Mr. Bodwell: "I am sure that you will not be allowed to interfere with us under the Municipal Clauses Act."

Powers Already Possessed

Mr. Taylor: "We are only asking for power to exercise such privileges as we at present possess. No extension of our powers is sought, but only a consolidation."

Mr. Bodwell: "That is very astute; but the city is not well advised. It will be for the city's benefit as well as for our own that this agreement which we made with the city of Vancouver be confirmed here. Otherwise I ask that the legislature should leave us alone. In the circumstances it should certainly not extend the city's rights. Let the government bring down a bill at next session and give us the protection which we need, and it will be to the benefit of all parties to work amicably together."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Is there any way of agreeing upon the Vancouver arrangement? Do you ask for a monopoly?"

Mr. Bodwell: "We are certainly not seeking for a monopoly. We will give to the city everything that the city of Vancouver has, and I may say, it is provided in that agreement that the Gas Company shall not charge over \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic ft., while the B. C. Electric Company shall not charge over one cent an hour for a 16 candle-power, and in case of excess in these charges provision for redress is made."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "What do residents pay for lighting?"

Mayor Hall: "13 cents per kilowatt, I believe."

Mr. Bodwell: "The cost is considerably less. That is the maximum."

Mr. Bodwell: "Anything that Vancouver has in this respect, Victoria can have."

Two Companies' Relations.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "What position does the Esquimalt Waterworks Company occupy in this connection?"

Mr. Bodwell: "Oh, we can easily take all the water that this company can give us, as well as all the water that the city can spare us from Sooke Lake. Indeed, we will need more than this. We can get from both these sources. Only giving of some water, but we will easily be the best thing that ever happened the city. It would be perfectly useless to enter into competition with a well-established and well-entrenched company. It would be simply a waste of public money. We will certainly lose an awful lot of money if we were to dig out of the fields, while it will, at the very least, cost the city a million to make anything approaching a decent beginning. While we are prepared to go out of business at any time on fair terms being offered us by the city."

The Hidden Meaning

Mr. Taylor: "The sum total of the argument is that the sentence—nothing in this act shall be construed as conferring exclusive rights—should be altered so as to declare that the real meaning of these words is that this privilege shall be deemed to confer an exclusive right—as against the city. And this re-statement of the matter carries its refutation on its face. While in respect to the admonitions with which we have been favored—I will not so much as consider them. And while it might be said that the citizens, they could neither be considered nor deliberated upon until the Company has the power to do these things."

Mr. Taylor further observed there was a great difference between a contract between a municipality and a joint stock company and a legislative act. The present Company had not the power to make any such contract, and the citizens, they could not be considered nor deliberated upon until the Company has the power to do these things.

Mr. Taylor: "We will not be affected by threats of that kind."

Mr. Bodwell: "I am asking the Government not to change the proposition, unless you agree to give us what we want."

Mr. Taylor: "It is expressly provided that nothing which is contained in the present contract shall be deemed to confer, or shall be construed as conferring, any exclusive privilege of using the streets of this city for tram purposes. If you have construed this proposition as meaning that, because you may have embarked upon this enterprise, you have come into the possession of an exclusive franchise, you are simply reading the words, to which I have referred, out of the agreement which was entered into between your Company and the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

No Known Intention.

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "Did the city have any idea in 1885 of entering into competition with this Company?"

Mr. Taylor: "The council of the city had, no doubt, a somewhat extensive idea of the future, and this may have been the reason for the insertion of that clause."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "But you did not have the power to do so at that time."

Mr. Taylor: "The municipal act, as a matter of fact, is changing all the time. Constant accretion is being made to the powers of municipalities. The ideas of the people, in regard to municipal development, and the operation of public utilities, is constantly growing. They doubtless had this well known fact in mind."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "In 1885 it was certainly not understood that this would be the case."

Mr. Bodwell: "Mr. Buntzen authorizes me to state that all the money which has been invested by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company in this enterprise has been invested on the distinct idea that the city of Victoria could not enter into competition with the Company."

Mr. Taylor: "The 50 years agreement without consideration was the inducement for taking up the enterprise."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "But at the time when this agreement was made it was utterly beyond the power of the city to enter upon this business. There was every assurance at the time for

believing that the city would never enter into competition with the Company."

Power Granted Later.

Mr. Taylor: "It is true that that power did not then exist. But as I have already pointed out, and this fact was well known, the municipal act was always in process of change."

Mr. Taylor: "It is further to be remembered that the Company secured concessions for which the city got nothing in return. The construction which the Company now seeks to place upon the act reads the non-exclusive franchise out of it and replaces it with an exclusive franchise."

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "How is the city's street lighting managed?"

Mayor Hall: "We use steam power in order to develop the electric current."

Mr. Bodwell: "All this money was invested on the distinct understanding that the city would not compete with us. To do so would clearly be a breach of contract. If the attempt is made, we will probably apply for an injunction. We lost money for 10 years and we are willing to do anything that is reasonable."

Mr. Taylor: "If accounts are filed on the part of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, can we look at them?"

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "I can see no objection to that."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Now, in answer to my question, regard to this power privilege, what have you to say, Mr. Taylor?"

Mr. Taylor: "Well, we must have an abundant supply of water, no matter what it costs."

Power Rights Necessary

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Would the absence of the power proviso be fatal to your scheme?"

Mr. Taylor: "It might and it might not. If the cost of getting our supply of water should, however, be very great that might make a difference."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "So you have got to go into the power business?"

Mr. Taylor: "It looks like that."

Mr. Bodwell: "I for my part hold that the power and electric railway proposition will not assist, but rather hurt the floating of the scheme."

Mr. Taylor: "The inclusion of a system of electric lighting, I think, makes the project more perfect."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "But if the city had at its command a power proposition which meant the taking over of a company that is now earning six per cent dividends, that would materially and most materially help the project."

Mr. Taylor: "The fact that as compared with Vancouver, our net debt amounts to \$61.31, as against their \$42.15 per head, being one-half as large again, must not escape consideration."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Is the city willing to buy from the Esquimalt water people?"

Mr. Taylor: "I cannot say. At one time they negotiated with us on that basis, but they would not entertain our offer, and the citizens apparently now want to go to the Sooke Lake, where we can obtain nearly twice the quantity of water that is possible elsewhere."

All we are here for is to settle upon the precise extent of our power and water, and we will proceed to determine upon the scheme which is the best for us to adopt."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "You offered them \$600,000 for their property?"

Mayor Hall: "Yes."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Your offer was raised by the Esquimalt Water Works company, which in turn offered to sell out to you for \$1,382,000?"

Mr. Lutton: "That was our last offer."

Question of Arbitration

Hon. Mr. McBride: "In these circumstances does anything stand in the way of arbitration?"

Mayor Hall: "The board of trade at one time appointed a committee to look into the matters."

Mr. Lutton: "We offered to arbitrate."

Mr. Taylor: "The privy council has already decided that the Water Clauses act does not apply, and we think that we have the right to take other proceedings."

In reference to the British Columbia Electric Railway company it is abundantly clear that an absolute franchise for all time was not conferred upon it, but a franchise which is subject to the right of intrusion by the city at any time."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "I do not know that the city really wants to come to an agreement."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "There is an awful margin between \$450,000 and \$1,382,000, a splendid opportunity it seems to me to have afforded for compromise and adjustment."

Mr. Taylor: "We have had a mandate by referendum to go to Sooke."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "If an arrangement could possibly be reached between all parties concerned that would be a very good solution of the whole trouble. What is the estimate as to the cost of going to Sooke?"

Mr. Taylor: "The work will cost \$18 a foot."

Mayor Hall: "The project will cost about a million and a half altogether."

Mr. Taylor: "Then when we have ample supplies of water we can do all sorts of things."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Are we to understand that there is no present disposition to come to an arrangement?"

Mr. Taylor: "We have no doubt as to the cost of going to Sooke."

Mayor Hall: "It has hitherto been impossible for the city to bring anything before the citizens in concrete form simply because we could not arrive at any fair offer which we could submit to the ratepayers. We merely wrote to the Esquimalt Water Works company and asked whether they would consider an offer of \$600,000 for their property. We could not really be in a position to consider the matter properly until the bylaw giving the Goldstream authority was passed."

The company asked so much that the matter was allowed to drop. We did not feel like submitting the company's proposition to the ratepayers."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "The business stands at this point?"

Mayor Hall: "Yes."

Mr. Lutton: "We offered to adopt the principle of arbitration proceeding under section 129 of the Water Clauses act."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Could not these proceedings be taken under the general act?"

Mr. Lutton: "Section 129 is all right."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "But the time it would take!"

To Define Their Powers

Mr. Taylor: "We have now to find out exactly what powers we have in our premises, and the instant that we get that matter settled we must have money or they can block us indefinitely."

But once we know our powers, we will take a vote of the ratepayers on the matter, and then proceed to the exercise of such powers as we find ourselves to be vested with. We must first know our powers."

Mr. Lutton: "The referendum was taken through a general vote of the citizens. The matter was not sub-

mitted to the ratepayers as the vote was not taken on a money bylaw."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Why cannot you people get together on some fair and businesslike basis?"

Mayor Hall: "We are in the position that cannot promise anything until we have submitted a money bylaw, and obtained a decision on it."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "As a matter of business you are going to spend \$1,500,000. Now, would it not be wise at the very outset to take every precaution in order to see your way clearly when you go upon the money market, for you do not want to be turned down. And the Esquimalt people are in the market too. It looks as if it would be good business for you people to come together. At all events we must tell you what we propose to do in these circumstances."

Why do you hold out for arbitration under the Water Clauses act, Mr. Lutton? Are you afraid of arbitration under the ordinary act?"

Mr. Lutton: "Would the agreement of 1873 be then included?"

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Yes."

Mr. Lutton: "We do not know what we would find there. The arbitrators in that case might not fully compensate us, since a lot of money has been spent on the property since 1885."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "As to your agreement of 1873, could you not protect yourselves? Items of that kind would not be overlooked and we would be protected on all these points."

Question of Expropriation

Mr. Lutton: "I do not think that they could protect us in that situation."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "Do you claim that the city has not the right to expropriate your property?"

Mr. Lutton: "No, we do not; but we would come to an understanding with the city, and we would adopt the system of arbitration mentioned. Otherwise we would contest their right to expropriate."

Mr. Taylor: "We cannot agree to that system of arbitration as it would cut away all our protection."

Mr. Lutton: "Various offers have been made from time to time to the city. The mayor and council arbitrarily assumed the right to know the opinions of the ratepayers of Victoria, on all the matters submitted. They always seem reluctant to refer these propositions to the ratepayers for approval."

Interesting Friday Bargain News

Fancy Linen Table Covers. Regular \$1.50 Values. Friday for 50c

Every lady will be interested at this news. Tomorrow we are placing on sale an exceptionally fine lot of Table Covers. Some of these are in drawnwork, others with beautiful lace edges, while there are also a number of blue linen ones in fancy designs. Some people would hardly credit such startling news, but be here tomorrow and get your choice at one-third off regular prices, which were \$1.50.

Friday for **50c**

Muslin Dresser Scarfs. Regular Prices \$1.75 and \$2.25. Friday \$1

Tomorrow the section devoted to Muslin Dresser Scarfs will undoubtedly be a very busy one, as we are offering a specially strong inducement on these much desired articles. They are in a number of exceedingly pretty designs. Some very prettily frilled and trimmed. The regular value was \$1.75 and \$2.25, but for tomorrow they are priced at **\$1.00**

Drawn Work Linen Covers. Regular \$2 to \$3.25. Friday \$1

Another splendid opportunity to purchase beautiful drawnwork linen table cloths at a great saving. Words can hardly do justice in describing them, but you will have to be here first thing tomorrow morning to share in them, as there are only a few, first come first served. So be one of the first regular values were \$2.00 to \$3.25. Special **\$1.00**

20 Doz. Sample Turkish Towels on Sale Tomorrow at 10c to \$1.50

This is a new lot just in and consist of about 20 dozen fine Turkish Towels in large bath sizes to the small hand size. They are in plain white, in brown and stripes, also white only, every person who wishes to purchase good quality towels with a view to save should take advantage of this opportunity specially priced for tomorrow from **\$1.50**

Friday's Bargains in Fire Proof China

American Fireproof China, beautifully finished, with an outer covering of terra-cotta inside lining, pure white, will stand the required heat for cooking, and with the aid of an asbestos mat, so as to avoid sudden change of heat, will prove most beneficial.

BEAN JARS, 2½ quart size. Regular \$1.50. Friday Special **50c**

BEAN JARS, 1½ quart size. Regular \$1.00. Friday Special **50c**

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SAUCE POTS, with lip and handle, one quart size. Regular 35c. Friday Special **50c**

SAUCE POTS, with lip and handle, 1½ quart size. Regular \$1.00. Friday Special **50c**

SAUCE POTS, with lip and handle, ¾ quart size. Regular 75c. Friday Special **50c**

TEA POTS, wide lids, 4 sizes. Friday Special **50c**

MILK JUGS, 4 sizes, 1 and 1½ Pts., and 1½ Pts., and one quart size. Friday Special **50c**

HOT WATER JUGS, with lids suitable for Chocolate or milk. Will keep out the dust, 3 sizes, 1 Pt., 1½ pts., and one quart. Friday Special **50c**

See Broad St. Windows for Friday Bargains

Children's Wash Dresses Specially Priced for Friday's Selling



A splendid assortment of wash dresses go on sale tomorrow, and include Gingham and Cambrics, and at the price we have marked them it would be mere fallacy not to take advantage of these offerings. In many instances the material would cost more than we are asking for the ready-made article. They are especially priced at 75c. Below are two descriptions. Sizes range from two to six years.

CHILD'S WASH DRESS, in good English cambric, color navy blue with white spots, black with white spots and black and white stripes, yoke front and back made of narrow tucks, full sleeves drawn at wrists finished with narrow frill of material, full skirt finished at bottom with three-inch hem, size 2 to 6 years. Special Friday **75c**

CHILD'S WASH DRESS, in Scotch gingham colors, navy and white, light blue and white, made with two box pleats down the front, edged with white braid with belt to match, Vandyke collar with two rows of white braid, full sleeves with narrow cuffs finished with frills of material. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Special Friday **75c**



Exceptional Bargains in Men's Shirts. Reg. \$2 for 75c

Hardly do we remember launching forth such an extraordinary good bargain as this. For tomorrow you will be able to purchase two shirts for the price of one and some instances less. They are made of fine wool lustre in plain cream and fancy checks in a number of very neat and attractive patterns with band and collars attached. The material is of extra good quality and are just the thing for correct negligence attire. Regular prices were \$1.50, \$1.75, and \$2.00. Friday your choice **75c**

See Broad Street Windows.

Linen Damask Table Cloths. Reg. 75c. Friday 50c

Tomorrow offers you a splendid range of Linen Damask Table Cloths to choose from, and at a price that would not pay for the material, let alone the making of them up. These are hem-stitched in extra good quality material. The regular price was 75c, but for tomorrow we have marked them down **50c**

New Spring Styles in Ladies' Fine Skirts

The showing of high class skirts which are to be seen at this store would do credit to the stores of the more larger Eastern cities. Every style to suit any lady's individual taste is to be found here, while the tailoring and finish is of the highest order. Then, too, every skirt sold by us is guaranteed to be thoroughly shrunk, sponged and stitched with silk, while prices are as low, if not the lowest, to be found in the city in conformity with quality.

Ladies' Tailored Skirt, in extra fine quality of taffeta silk voile, front with inverted pleat and double box pleat on each side, finished with two Boston folds around bottom. Price **\$17.50**

Ladies' Smartly Tailored Taffeta Silk Skirt, fifteen gored with double interturned pleat at each seam, finished near foot with a two-inch bias fold and three rows of silk braid. Price **\$20.00**

Ladies' Voile Skirt, fifteen gored with pleat at each seam, smartly trimmed with five stitched bands of taffeta silk and finished with deep hem. Price **\$13.50**

\$3.50 to \$5.75 Madras Curtains \$1.90

Clearing 100 pairs Fancy Striped Madras Curtains, a large variety of colorings in cross stripe effects, such as cream, with green stripes, cream with pink stripes, green with light tone green silk stripe, old rose with green stripe, etc., a chance to secure a pretty window or casement curtain. Some of the patterns can be used for portieres. Regular \$3.50 to \$5.75 pair. Friday, per pair **\$1.90**

Beautiful Silks—New Importations

Never before has this store come so prominently before the women of hereabouts for its Silks, every day ushers in bright new merchandise and among these are the new Silks. They are prettier than ever and bring out effects unthought of a few years ago. To say that the designs run largely on spots, on the one hand and to stripes on the other might indicate a paucity of invention—until one sees how infinitely these two leading motives are varied in their treatment, in many instances these are combinations that add wonderfully to the liveliness of the designs.

Striped Rayah Silks, 27 inches wide, in all colors and shades, per yard **\$1.00**

Striped Tamaline, in old rose, etc., at **75c**

SEE BROAD STREET WINDOWS FOR FRIDAY BARGAINS

Buster Brown Belts, Special Price 25c

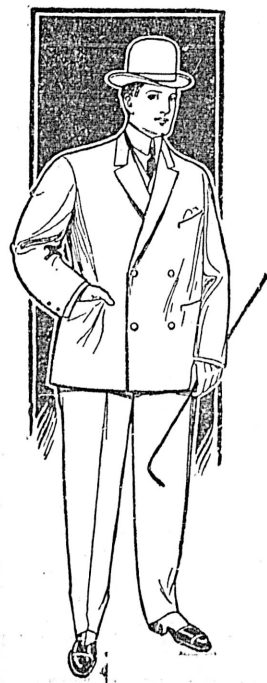
Tomorrow we have gathered together a large assortment of Buster Brown Belts. These are in all the very latest effects and colorings, including white, black, green and red, and have priced them for tomorrow's selling at, each **25c**

Free Demonstration of Suchard's Cocoa

This celebrated Swiss Cocoa is one of the most popular and well known cocoas on the market, and has been awarded highest awards at the different expositions for its purity and quality. We therefore extend our cordial invitation to every lady when down town to call and sample it. The demonstration is under the direction of one of their own representatives, who will explain the merits, etc., of Suchard's Swiss Cocoa—Main Floor.

Ladies' Fine Cashmere Hose, To-morrow at 25c

A specially fine line of Ladies' Cashmere Hose is being placed on sale tomorrow. These have extra spliced heels and toes, and are a splendid value at **25c**



New and Distinctive Styles in Men's Attire

It is but a natural sequence that men should turn to the store that serves them best—the store that can meet with every individual ideas, clothes of character, clothes with dignity and clothes with style and snap, and above all at a price that is right, and it only lays with you to come in, wherein we know and can demonstrate these particular advantages. Long years of study in handling men's clothing has brought this store to perfection in serving its patrons with what is correct, we therefore court the most critical inspection in every way, shape and form, and wish to call your attention to the largest assortment of spring clothing which have just lately been added in stock. They are made of the best materials procurable, while the workmanship and finish is all that can be desired. Prices range from

\$30 to \$8.75

New Spring Dress Goods

A splendid range of beautiful Dress goods is to be seen at the Store. Spring's latest ideas is included, and embraces goods from the most reputable makers of good quality material.

ALL WOOL VENETIANS, 44 inches wide, in all the newest designs. Per yard **\$1.00**
ALL WOOL SATIN CLOTH, 44 inches wide, in rose helio, champagne and cream. Per yard **75c**
ALL WOOL POPLINS, 42 inches wide, in light navys, browns, greens, greys, etc. Per yard **75c**

Beautiful New Muslins

The display of beautiful new muslins which is to be seen on the main floor is a most charming one. That bright, refreshing air which seems to be carried along with the new goods is in much evidence, and it is a delight for to go through the vast assortment.

MUSLINS, in fancy stripes and floral designs in grenadine effects, at, per yard 25c, 35c and **50c**
COTTON VOILES in white and colored grounds and fancy floral designs. Per yard **35c**
WHITE VESTINGS, in fancy designs. Per yard **50c**

A Beautiful Display of Millinery Elegance

The showing of exquisite millinery which is to be seen in the millinery department, Second Floor, grows more interesting every day. Like the pretty Spring blossoms so do new ideas, new creations, pop their heads up. All through this beautiful section one is held in perfect amazement at the exquisiteness of the display. Hats from the fashion centres of the world are shown in countless numbers, and then, too, what seems more remarkable is the extreme moderation of prices. That moderately priced hats are a special feature of Spencer Millinery is well known to women hereabouts. Some of which arouse expressions of surprise and pleasure daily, and especially noteworthy among these are the production of our own clever artists, which reflect great credit on their skill and ability in creating something which will please the most exacting and which are sold at so little.



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Large Range of Dress Trimmings

We have just opened up a splendid assortment of trimmings in new novelty effects and Oriental band trimmings. These will be very popular this season, as the predominating one are gold effects. Prices range from \$1.75 to **\$1.00**

Also a very comprehensive showing of fancy braids, in all the latest shades, ranging in price from \$1.00 to **15c**

Splendid Stock of Gloves

The section devoted to Ladies' Gloves is now filled to its limit in everything new that the season demands, and any lady wishing to purchase, cannot find a better or more complete stock in the city than here.

LADIES' LONG 'TREFOUSSE GLOVES, in black, white, navy, green, tans, etc. 12-button length, per pair **\$3.00**
16-button length, per pair **\$3.75**

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